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1972

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TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1972—John M. Belk (Caldwell) (3) Warner L. Hall, (3), G. Donald Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (1)

1975—Robert Turner (3), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

Presbytery:

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr., Chairman, 1015 Habersham Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

1972—D. G. Martin, Jr. (Seigle Avenue)

1973—Herbert H. Browne, Jr. (Charlotte First)

1974—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Third) (Chm.)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

John M. Handley, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers	**Elders**
1972—John M. Handley (Chm.)	1972—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1972—French B. O'Shields, Jr.	1973—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M. D. (Trinity)
1973—J. Harold McKeithen	1973—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1973—Charles L. Kirby	1974—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)
1974—Robert J. James	1974—W B. McGuire, Sr. (Myers Park)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers	**Elders**
1972—Oliver W. Carmichael (Chm.)	1972—John A. Tate (Davidson College) Unexpired term
1972—C. Franklin Jacks	1972—Sidney T. Stovall, Ph.D. (Covenant)
1973—Zane M. Moore	1972—R. G. Paden (Quail Hollow)
1973—Charles C. Cowsert	1973—Harry D. Watson (Amity)
1974—John E. Smylie	1973—John E. Boyd (Sardis)
1974—J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
	1974—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
	1974—Alfred Canon (Myers Park)
	1974—W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon)

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2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, 1117 Linganore Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28203.

Ministers

1972—Robert H. Ramey, Jr. Unexpired term
1972—Kenneth P. Craig
1973—Eugene P. Poe
1973—Henry S. Robinson
1974—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
1974—Frank H. Caldwell (Chm.)

Elders:

1972—G. Douglas Aitkin (Avondale)
1972—Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First)
1973—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1973—Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue)
1974—Frontis W. Johnston, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1974—Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter Sr., (Covenant)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1972—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1973—H. E. Stoessel
1974—A. Rudolph Hendricks

Elders

1972—A. D. Leopold (Plaza)
1973—M. E. Alexander (Christ)
1974—James M. Painter (Paw Creek)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

E. T. Thompson, Jr., Chairman, 1040 Woodlawn Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers

1972—E. T. Thompson, Jr. (Chm.)
1973—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
1974—W. M. Boyce

Lay Members

1972—Charles A. Hunter (Forest Hill)
1973—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Third)
1974—Roland M. Smith (Christ)

2. Christian Education

Mrs. Edmund B. Clark, Jr., Chairman, 2400 Flintwood Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1972—Charles N. Clegg Unexpired term
1972—M. B. Prince, III
1973—Joseph F. Condro
1973—W. C. Rhodes
1973—James W. Eller
1973—Joe P. Arnold
1974—Laura I. Buzard
1974—David C. Kennedy
1974—Glenn L. Hill

Lay Members

1972—Mrs. Edmund B. Clark, Jr. (Chm.) (Westminster)
1972—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry) Unexpired term
1972—Mrs. Jack Cathey (Third)
1972—Miss Ruth Farrior (Charlotte First)
1972—Miss Jocelyn Hill (Sardis)
1973—John Banks Choate (Central Steele Creek)
1973—Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First)
1973—William L. Anderson (Sardis)
1973—Miss Peggy Barnes (Covenant)
1973—Samuel T. Cornwell (Westminster)
1974—Charles Patterson (Charlotte First)
1974—John M. McCaskill (Sardis)
1974—John M. Baughman (Covenant)
1974—Samuel G. Weir (Carmel)
1974—H. H. Blackwell (Calvary)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries
J. E. Wayland, Jr., Chairman, Cornelius, N. C. 28031

Ministers
1972—J. E. Wayland, Jr. (Chm.)
1973—Walter D. Clark
1974—J. Arthur Beard

Lay Members
1972—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)
1973—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant)
1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)

2. Strategy and Research
Robert S. Owens, Jr., Chairman, 2304 The Plaza, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers
1972—Robert S. Owens, Jr. (Chm.)
1972—Neil C. Leach
1973—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1973—James E. Fogartie
1974—Leonard H. Bullock
1974—William A. Dysard, Jr.

Lay Members
1972—T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)
1972—Charles A. Hunter (Forest Hill)
1973—Michael E. Gheesling (Seigle Avenue)
1973—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1974—A. Walton Litz (Myers Park)
1974—Randolph Norton (Sardis)

3. Deployment and Sustentation of Churches
Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers:
1972—M. B. Prince, Jr.
1972—David E. Wilkinson
1973—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1973—Robert S. Maclin, III
1974—Joe E. Stowe
1974—James E. Ratchford

Lay Members
1972—George Stovall (Albemarle First)
1972—Ross Miller (Thomasboro)
1973—William T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1973—W. Harvey Morrison, Jr. (Monroe First)
1974—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)
1974—W. D. Poteat (Newell)

4. Specialized Ministry
T. W. Tucker, Chairman, 6100 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers
1972—T. W. Tucker (Chm.)
1972—John C. Laughlin
1973—Leonard W. Topping
1973—Robert W. Rayburn
1974—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.
1974—Glenn B. Robinson

Lay Members
1972—Miss Ann Ramsey Hopkins (Trinity)
1972—Lacy S. Sellers (Trinity)
1972—Jack Tesh (Unionville)
1973—Mike Mayfield (Charlotte First)
1974—W. E. Moss (Hopewell)
1974—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)

5. World Missions
A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman, 2325 Pender Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers
1972—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. Unexpired term
1973—F. A. Mathes
1974—Eldon D. Wadsworth

Lay Members
1972—James B. Watt (Steele Creek)
1973—A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Chm.) (Charlotte First)
1974—Mrs. Emmett Crook (Covenant)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Chairman, 1014 Law Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1972—Oliver W. Carmichael
1972—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
1973—W. A. Dysard, Jr. Unexpired term
1973—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
1974—Robert J. James
1974—Zane M. Moore

Lay Members

1972—G. Douglas Aitken (Avondale)
1972—Joseph W. Grier, Jr. (Chm.) (Charlotte First)
1973—Olson Huff, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1974—Mrs. Vivian Guignard (Mulberry)

2. Court Meetings

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C., 28212

Ministers

1972—Russell M. Kerr (Chm).
1973—William D. Morton
1974—Frank C. Wilkinson

Lay Members

1972—Thomas B. Ruff (Selwyn Avenue)
1973—Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1974—John E. Butler (Amity)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Robert Turner, Chairman, 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte N. C., 28202

Ministers:

1972—Robert Turner (Chm.)
1973—H. Louis Patrick
1974—Charles E. S. Kraemer

Lay Members

1972—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)
1973—J. Price Robinson (Commonwealth-Eastminster)
1974—Miss Ann Caldwell (Myers Park)

2. Worship

Thomas W. MacLean, Chairman, 2821 Park Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers

1972—Thomas W. MacLean (Chm.)
1973—Richard C. Brand, Jr.
1974—James A. Cannon

Lay Members

1972—Loonis R. McGlohon (Carmel)
1973—Mrs. Olson Huff (Forest Hill)
1974—Henry P. Bridges (Charlotte First)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home Of Charlotte, Inc.

1972—Harry T. Stewart (Sharon)
1973—John A. Tate, Sr. (Davidson College)
1974—John D. Hicks (Covenant)
1975—Frank H. Caldwell

Inter Church Action Board

Ministers

1972—A. Rudolph Hendricks
1972—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.

Lay Members

1972—F. Wayne Lee, M.D. (Myers Park)
1972—Mrs. H. R. Hrabanek (Providence)
1972—James Dennis Rash (Charlotte First)
1972—Phillip McKinnon (Plaza)
1972—William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park)
1972—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)

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T. Duke Williams, H.R.	
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James E. Fogartie	Myers Park
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Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	Sugaw Creek
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John M. Handley	Covenant (Assistant)
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
John C. Laughlin	Carmel
Leonard W. Topping	Charlotte First (Associate)
J. Arthur Beard	Westminster (Associate)
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe	Westminster
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Myers Park (Associate)
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ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
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F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
David C. Kennedy	Matthews
Robert J. James	Paw Creek
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Chaplain
A. Leslie Thompson	Clanton Memorial (Stated Supply)
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Robert S. Owens, Jr.	Plaza
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	Selwyn Avenue
Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
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Henry S. Robinson	Memorial
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John E. Smylie	President Queens College
E. T. Thompson, Jr.	Forest Hill
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
Wilbur D. Kuenzli	Plaza (Associate)
James A. Cannon	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	
John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	Ridgecrest
H. E. Stoessel	Covenant (Assistant)
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	Providence
Richard C. Brand, Jr.	Trinity (Associate)
Neil C. Leach	ACTS
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W. B. H. Corkey	Professor
Roy W. Coker	Pleasant Hill
Joseph F. Condro	Avondale (Associate)
Joe E. Stowe	Monroe, First
Charles W. Coats	McQuay
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	Norwood

ROLL OF MINISTERS	**Church**
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Raeford Rodney Love	Benton Heights
Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
G. Curtis Moore	Stephenson
T. J. Nash	Walkersville
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	Newell
F. A. Mathes	Huntersville
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah
James W. Eller	Robinson
W. C. Rhodes	Sharon (Assistant)
Joe P. Arnold	Sardis (Associate)
Thomas B. Tyndall	Thomasboro (Assistant)
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
Miss Laura Buzard	Minister To Students, Presbyterian Hospital
T. A. Little, Jr.	St. Andrews
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W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
James H. Shackelford	Graduate School
Charles N. Clegg	Sugaw Creek (Associate)
Robert O. Freeman	Commonwealth-Eastminster
David S. Templeton, Jr.	Myers Park (Assistant)
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Hunter R. Hill	Commonwealth-Eastminster (Assistant)
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Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
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J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Assistant)
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R. Thomas Cheely	Locust
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
Total Ministers	**135**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

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Shirley Ann Gilliam, Union Seminary, New York, Covenant Church

Scott Cureton Girard, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Road

Benny Eugene Gurley, Louisville Seminary, Mulberry Church

Gerald B. Hurst, Union Seminary, Philadelphia Church

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George H. Kuykendall, Jr., Union Seminary, Covenant Church

Stephen H. Marion, Navy, Amity Church

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David F. McInnis, Service, Plaza Church

William David McSwain, UNC-Charlotte, First Charlotte Church

Robert Lee Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Carmel Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Joe Lee Puckett, Columbia Seminary, Hopewell Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

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Donald Eric Stroud, Princeton, Christ Church

Kendall B. Tarlton, Louisville Seminary, Covenant Church

Charles A. Van Wagner, Columbia Seminary, Selwyn Avenue Church

Alan Maurice Wentz, Union Seminary, Amity Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

CANDIDATES FOR LAY SERVICE

Eleanor Anne Pepi, Princeton Theological Seminary, Myers Park Church

Terry Lynne Brown, Meredith College, Steele Creek Church

ROLL OF CHURCHES

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Churches	**Clerk Of Session**	**Treasurer**
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Bethel	J. Wilson Knox Route 2, Box 208 Huntersville 28078	Joe R. Washam Route 2 Huntersville 28078
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Caldwell Memorial	E. S. Kenyon 1614 Tamworth Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. D. M. Allen 5717 Lancelot Drive Matthews 28105
Camden	J. Boyce Baker, Jr. 1317 Shannon Drive Wadesboro 28170	Miss Ethel Hildreth Chesterfield Rd. Route 3 Wadesboro 28170
Calvary	Bobby Overcash 179 Beverly Drive Concord 28025	W. E. Hastings Rt. 1, Box 356 Mooresville 28115
Carmel	Don Kellam 2225 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211	Ed Schlirf 3101 Champaign Street Charlotte 28210
Central Steele Creek	Yates W. Reep Route 2, Box 1139-H Charlotte 28210	Charles F. Blackwelder Route 2, Box 1138-D Charlotte 28210

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Commonwealth-Eastminster	W. E. Cochran 2126 Markham Court Charlotte 28205	Frank M. Sloan 3600 Enfield Road Charlotte 28205
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Cooks Memorial	Paul Thompson, Jr. 322 McClure Circle Charlotte 28216	Robert M. Penninger 187 Gum Branch Road Charlotte 28214
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Covenant	Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. 2315 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte 28207	Cecil W. Davis, Jr. 2014 Dartmouth Place Charlotte 28207
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Forest Hill	Burns W. Stuart 3836 Annlin Avenue Charlotte 28209	D. Maynard Marshall, Jr. 4825 Gilmore Drive Charlotte 28209
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Hickory Grove	W. Paul Strohauer 5525 Galway Drive Charlotte 28215	W. D. Atwell 7416 Linda Lake Drive Charlotte 28215
Hopewell	William Edward Moss Route 3, Box 470 Huntersville 28078	D. G. Moore Route 3 Huntersville 28078
Huntersville	J. Y. Barnette Route 1, Box 350-E Huntersville 28078	Miss Martha Montieth Route 1 Huntersville 28078
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Indian Trail	Richard K. Timmons Route 2, Box 456-1 Matthews 28105	Joe E. Moser Route 2, Box 304-A Matthews 28105
Johnston Memorial	Norman Wesson 1362 Drexmore Avenue Charlotte 28209	James E. Webb 905 Sweetbriar Street Charlotte 28205
Lee Park	John D. Williams Route 4, Box 955 Monroe 28110	Charles E. Williams Route 1 Monroe 28110

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Marshville	Dr. C. A. Bolt P. O. Box 369 Marshville 28103	G. Oscar Perkins Box 301 Marshville 28103
Matthews	J. W. Russell P. O. Box 97 Matthews 28105	Don R. Cofer 341 Bubbling Well Road Matthews 28105
McGee	Ralph Beatty 207 N. Cloudman Street Charlotte 28216	J. Ross Kistler 1125 James Street Charlotte 28216
McQuay Memorial	John R. Litaker 6601 Elmwood Circle Charlotte 28214	Frank M. Felker, Jr. 3712 Rogers Street Charlotte 28208
Memorial	Van D. Crutchfield Route 5, Box 1042-B-3 Charlotte 28208	James R. Price 3423 Farrhill Road Charlotte 28208
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Morven	John N. Wall Morven 28119	V. L. Wall, Jr. Route 1 Morven 28119
Mulberry	L. W. Byrum 2627 Park Lane Charlotte 28214	D. S. Forbes 2839 Kendrick Drive Charlotte 28214
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Newell	R. D. Keistler Route 10, Box 461-H Charlotte 28213	W. D. Poteat P. O. Box 21 Newell 28126
New Salem	Oscar L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103	C. C. Moore Route 2 Marshville 28103
Norwood	Mrs. E. M. Thompson Box 121 Norwood 28128	J. P. Hatley Box 311 Norwood 28128
Oakboro	Edward P. Stewart Box 186 Oakboro 28129	Mrs. Grover Lambert Route 4 Albemarle 28001
Pageland	H. H. Houston, Jr. Box 51 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. George A. Douglas Box 224 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Paw Creek	Howard C. Sharpe, Sr. 251 Enwood Drive Charlotte 28214	David L. French P. O. Box 323 Paw Creek 28130
Philadelphia	Ray H. Waltman Route 3 Matthews 28105	William V. Tilley 3414 Winterfield Place Charlotte 28205
Plaza	Joel E. Stegall, Jr. 3201 Airlie Street Charlotte 28205	J. Marion Dew, Sr. 1210 Aylesford Road Charlotte 28211

Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
Pleasant Hill	W. H. Allred Route 1, Box 158 Pineville 28134	J. S. Choate Route 1 Pineville 28134
Providence	John C. Reid, Jr. 4750 Addison Drive Charlotte 28211	R. A. Hudson, Jr. Route 3 Waxhaw 28173
Quail Hollow	Henry R. Williams 3121 Northampton Drive Charlotte 28210	Charles V. Cheney 3611 Kelway Avenue Charlotte 28210
Ramah	Otis C. Gray Route 2, Box 300 Huntersville 28078	J. W. Brown RFD 1, Box 487 Huntersville 28078
Rehoboth	F. A. Gordon P. O. Box 274 Waxhaw 28173	Miss Hope Sims Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Ridgecrest	Ervin Fesperman Route 1 Stanfield 28163	Nettie Almond Route 1 Stanfield 28163
Robinson	Louie F. Miller 3835 N. Sharon-Amity Road Charlotte 28212	Louie F. Miller 3835 N. Sharon-Amity Road Charlotte 28212
St. Andrews	Ronald E. White 615 Kenlough Drive Charlotte 28209	M. R. McConnell 2900 Park Road Charlotte 28209
St. Giles	Charles Clemmer 6600 Alcove Court Charlotte 28211	Mrs. Isabel H. Baker 2027 Emerywood Drive Charlotte 28210
St. John	William R. King 5036 Edward Street Charlotte 28205	Stewart E. Odham, Sr. 3524 Erinbrook Lane Charlotte 28215
Salem	Lawrence Phillips Route 1 Mt. Croghan, S. C. 29727	Mrs. Eddie Lee Sikes Route 1 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Sardis	John E. Boyd 5630 Timber Lane Charlotte 28207	Calvin B. Baird, Sr. 5700 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211
Seigle Avenue	Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210	M. E. Gheesling Route 1, Box 743 Charlotte 28212
Selwyn Avenue	Frank F. Bateman, Sr. 635-F Archdale Drive Charlotte 28210	Ira R. Schmidt 3718 Barclay Downs Dr. Charlotte 28209
Sharon	Mrs. Reid A. Brown Route 1, Box 419 Pineville 28134	William T. Stanford 3100 Sharon View Road Charlotte 28210
Siler	Douglas Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173	Jerry Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Smallwood	Wymon Griffin 112 Seldon Drive Charlotte 28216	Mrs. Hazel I. Harper 2624 Roslyn Avenue Charlotte 28208
South Tryon	George H. Venable 1028 Tracy Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Veola D. Garrett 3711 Clendon Court Charlotte 28208
Steele Creek	Joseph O. Brown Route 3, Box 388-G Charlotte 28214	R. R. Helms 5617 Piney Top Drive Charlotte 28214

Churches	Clerk of Session	Treasurer
Stephenson	James Carl Simpson Route 1 Indian Trail 28079	Will R. Kimbrell Route 1 Indian Trail 28079
Sugaw Creek	Miss Mable Todd 4412 Rolling Hills Drive Charlotte 28213	Alan Hunter 5418 Myrica Lane Charlotte 28213
Third	Hal V. Owens 1914 Sandhurst Drive Charlotte 28205	Kenneth Stonebraker 4001 Abbeydale Drive Charlotte 28205
Thomasboro	J. Bud Payne 110 Bradford Drive Charlotte 28208	Bertie H. Long 252 W. LaPorte Drive Charlotte 28214
Trinity	Paul B. Bell 4001 Foxcroft Road Charlotte 28211	Charles G. McClure, Jr. 622 Jefferson Drive Charlotte 28211
Turner	Charles Biggers Route 10 Monroe 28110	George Simpson Route 10 Monroe 28110
Unionville	E. J. Braswell Route 2 Monroe 28110	Mrs. E. J. Braswell Route 2 Monroe 28110
Wadesboro	Herbert Hildreth 108 Rose Terrace Wadesboro 28170	William Wildermuth 307 Leak Avenue Wadesboro 28170
Walkersville	Robert L. McCain Route 2 Waxhaw 28173	Gary Brady Route 2 Waxhaw 28173
Waxhaw	J. L. Knox Box 34 Waxhaw 28173	M. E. Pfister Box 295 Waxhaw 28173
Westminster	W. A. McCorkle 1744 Merriman Avenue Charlotte 28203	Frank G. Templeton, Jr. 3701 Columbine Circle Charlotte 28211
Westover Hills	Charles W. Hickman 2961 Beechnut Road Charlotte 28208	Mrs. Merle G. McLester 4218 Gladstone Lane Charlotte 28205
Williams Memorial	R. N. Williams 209 Jackson Drive Charlotte 28213	Don Brown Route 9, Box 402 Charlotte 28213

The First Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New)

Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 22, 1972

The First Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New) was held on this date and in this Church. It was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, John C. Laughlin. Mr. Laughlin read from Ephesians 2:13-18, and brought a Communion message from that passage and on the theme, "The Break In The Wall."

A Memorial to Carl S. Miller was read by Robert W. Rayburn and to Robert E. Huey by F. A. Mathes. These Memorials were adopted and admitted to record. A prayer of condolence was offered by A. Leslie Thompson. The families of the deceased brethren were introduced.

REV. CARL SAMUEL MILLER

As it was said of another, at the end of his earthly life, there was for Carl Samuel Miller "no appendix in small print, with the powers of mind and body muffled, and the man shrunk to the shadow of himself." No, Carl S. Miller's life was a life lived out to the end. As it was said of Moses, so it could be said of the Rev. Carl S. Miller, "his eye was not dimmed nor his strength abated." He worked and labored to the very end, and was spared in the gracious Providence of God, the long agony of pain and helplessness through which so many have to go to reach their hard won goal.

Rev. Carl S. Miller, age 72, passed away January 10, 1972 in the Presbyterian Hospital after a brief illness. He was born March 17, 1899 in Mecklenburg County, the son of the late Hugh and Mattie Kay Miller. At the time of his birth, his parents were members of the Tabernacle A.R.P. Church and he was baptized during the pastorate of Dr. W. W. Orr. Early in life, his parents moved to the Parkwood neighborhood and Carl grew up in the Parkwood A.R.P. Church. In the Parkwood Church, he grew up with and later married Grace Auten, his wife. They together travelled life's journey and labored together in the ministry for almost 52 years.

Carl attended the public schools of Charlotte, and was graduated from Erskine College and Erskine Seminary of the A.R.P. Denomination. His first pastorate was in Huntersville serving both the Huntersville A.R.P. and the Gilead A.R.P. Churches. At that juncture in his ministry, he received a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Mullins, S. C. in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., where he stayed for three years. He was then called to the Erwin Presbyterian Church, Erwin, Tennessee, which was at that time in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

There he stayed for sixteen years. From the Erwin pastorate, he was called to the First Presbyterian Church, Rockingham, N. C. where he labored for eleven years. During his pastorate in Rockingham, the property for a new church was acquired, the plans for a new Educational Building drawn, and over $90,000 was pledged towards the new structure. Wherever Carl Miller worked, he was a man who wore well with people having an unfaltering concern for humanity and was known as one who did a solid piece of work.

It had always been his dream to have the experience of being an organizing pastor in a new field, so he accepted the call to be the organizing pastor for what became known as the St. Giles Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. For six years, the Millers were in this rapidly developing section of the city of Charlotte and the church under their leadership grew at the rate of about 100 new members a year. The last regular pastorate for Mr. Miller was the Mt. Gilead Presbyterian Church, Mt. Gilead, N. C. After a three year stint, he was honorably retired from the pastorate. But, soon after coming back to live in Charlotte he began serving as "Interim Supply" for the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church and remained there for two and one half years, where he became greatly admired and loved. To express their heart-felt appreciation of the ministry of Carl S. Miller, the Westover Hills Congregation had planned to give him and Mrs. Miller a trip to the Holy Land in the Spring of 1972.

To his faithful wife, Grace Auten Miller, and son Robert B. Auten of Huntersville, sister, Mrs. George Killough of Charlotte, and the four grandchildren we pray an experience of God's continuing grace and mercy in your lives, and pray that you may be consoled and inspired by the knowledge of a rich inheritance through a life well lived and well spent, and a rest well deserved.

Faithful pastor, outstanding pulpiteer, able administrator, wise churchman, trusted friend, servant of Christ, Carl Samuel Miller left his indelible mark on the things he did wherever he went in the service of Christ.

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who, Thee, by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prepared by Robert W. Rayburn

REV. ROBERT ELMORE HUEY

The Reverend Robert Elmore Huey was born in Shelby County, Tennessee, on April 30, 1888, and died in Huntersville, N. C. on November 29, 1971. His parents were Samuel Orr Huey and Savannah Paratine Ellis Huey. He was married to Miss Macie Knox in Huntersville, N. C., A.R.P. Church on December 3, 1919, and to this union there were born no children.

Mr. Huey died following a long period of ill health and an invalided last illness of two or three years. He was a graduate of Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina, with the AB degree in 1914, and of the Erskine Theological Seminary in 1917 with the degree of B.D. Following graduation from Seminary, Mr. Huey was Ordained in the Associated Reform Presbyterian Church on July 12, 1917, and continued a member of that denomination from 1917 until 1958, serving churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Arkansas. In 1953 he was received by Montgomery Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in U.S., and served as Pastor of the Mallow and Altamont Churches of Covington, Virginia from 1953 to 1958. He served faithfully and fruitfully for 40 years in the active ministry of the Christian Gospel, and was Honorably Retired by Montgomery Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in U. S., September 1, 1958, after which he and his wife removed their residence to her parental childhood home in Huntersville, North Carolina, and he was received into Mecklenburg Presbytery at that time.

Mr. Huey supplied a good many churches in Mecklenburg area during his retirement years, notably McQuay, Nevin, Mt. Gilead, Seigle Avenue, Westminster, Eastminster, Huntersville, and others from time to time. All of his active ministry was filled with active and vigorous preaching, teaching, organizing and building up new and small young churches. For many years, he preached three times every Sunday and conducted two mid-week prayer services.

Mr. Huey was a man of deep and sincere Christian character and spirit. A warm personality, possessed of a bracing sense of humor, gentle, kind, generous in outreach, sensitive to the needs of others, a man of keen perception and understanding vision, Mr. Huey built up his churches and their members in Christian graces and usefulness in the service of our Lord. In all that he did as a Minister of the Gospel, perhaps the outstanding ability he had of magnifying the pulpit through sound Gospel preaching and earnest Bible teaching was his greatest contribution to the work of Christ's kingdom. Those who knew Mr. Huey during his active years will remember him with affection and appreciation and admiration, and so "he being dead, yet speaketh . . . Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors . . . and their works do follow them".

Prepared by F. A. Mathes

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Host Pastor, and Marcus B. Prince, III, assisted by the following Elders of the host Church: J. W. Zimmerman, Jr., W. W. White, E. L. McConnell, R. M. Williams, W. T. McConnell, C. L. Hunter, T. C. Chapman, L. M. Kearns, H. L. Poole, R. L. Puckett, F. W. Henderson, J. Z. Hamilton, and J. B. Blasingame.

Enrollment was taken and, with later enrollments, was as follows:

ENROLLMENT: The following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, James N. Biggers, W. M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Laura Buzard, James A. Cannon, Walter D. Clark, Charles W. Coats, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Joseph F. Condro, W. B. H. Corkey, Edward B. Cooper, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, John M. Handley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Hunter R. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, A. Merrell Keith, David C. Kennedy, Russell M. Kerr, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Charles L. Kirby, W. D. Kuenzli, T. A. Little, Jr., J. Cecil Lawrence, John C. Laughlin, Neil C. Leach, R. R. Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, Robert S. Maclin, III, T. W. MacLean, James S. Mann, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Angus G. McInnis, Zane M. Moore, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Eugene P. Poe, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Jr., W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Henry S. Robinson, Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, John E. Smylie, Horace E. Stoessel, Joe E. Stowe, David S. Templeton, Jr., A. Leslie Thompson, Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Thomas B. Tyndall, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wayland, Jr., J. S. Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, Edward C. Wilson, W. G. Workman, Robert S. Woodson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Oliver W. Carmichael, C. C. Cowsert, Leighton Ford, Warner L. Hall, David C. Hambrick Jr., Horace H. Hilton, Jr., C. E. S. Kraemer, T. J. Nash, III, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Robert S. Owens, Jr., Robert S. Ramey Jr., H. Howard Smith, Carl T. Uzzell.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Charles N. Clegg, Neely McCarter, A. J. McKelway, G. Curtis Moore, H. Louis Patrick, Glenn B. Robinson.

RULING ELDERS: George Stovall, Albemarle; Kenneth Emery, Albemarle Road; Odus Doster, Altan; Lewis Price, Amay James; Curtis R. Fincher, Amity; E. M. Croom, Avondale; R. C. Hinkle, Badin; Mrs. Catherine Wicker, Benton Heights; H. C. Knox, Bethel; Ira Helms, Bethlehem; George H. Shelby, Caldwell Memorial; H. H. Blackwell, Calvary; A. J. Glenn, Carmel; J. Banks Choats, Central Steele Creek; Carlton Andrews, Charlotte First; Fred A. Griffith, Charlotte Third; W. M. Birch, Christ; Allen W. Estridge, Jr., Clanton Memorial; Stan Lathrop, Commonwealth-Eastminster; Glenn D. Hunt, Cooks Memorial; Richard A. Atwell, Cornelius; Don Davidson, L. K. Boggs, M.D., James H. Barnhardt, Covenant; Malcolm Lester, Davidson College; Roger Blackwelder, East; G. T. Brown, First Union; William S. Buchanan, Forest Hill; Ken Norris, Hickory Grove; Harley Sherrell, Hopewell; C. H. Smith, Huntersville; Wilson Nance, Indian Hill; Kenneth C. Ganty, Indian Trail; T. J. Cooper, Johnston Memorial; Bobby C. Wilson, Locust; J. E. Kirk, Mallard Creek; W. A. Hood, Matthews; E. Ross Cathey, McGee; Jack M. Threatt, McQuay; Clarence B. Hoffman, Memorial; John A. Crook, Jr., Monroe; J. C. Massey, Mulberry; Douglas W. Booth, A. Grant Whitney, Myers Park; Roland D. Keistler, Newell; Tom A. Wilson, Norwood; Sammy Snipes, Pageland; Howard C. Sharpe, Paw Creek; Ralph E. Howell, Philadelphia; Joel E. Stegall, Jr., Plaza; William B. Griffin, Pleasant Hill; Lee M. Rea, Providence; Charles E. Crowder, Quail Hollow; Fred Washam, Ramah; Grover Furr, Ridgecrest; Bynum W. Faires, Robinson; R. E. White, St. Andrews; Mrs. Aileen W. Garland, St. Giles; Murdoch A. Morrison, Jr., St. John; Edgar H. Walker, Sardis; J. L. Haselden, Selwyn Avenue; Frank Black, Sr., Sharon; Danny Martin, Smallwood; Mrs. Claudia Drayton, South Tryon; Harold E. Plyler, Siler; E. A. Earp, Steele Creek; J. C. Haywood, Stephenson; William H. Tarrant, Sugaw Creek; David C. Lockwood, Jr., Thomasboro; Charles E. Moore, Trinity; George W. Simpson, Turner; Huey Moreley, Walkersville; J. A. McLean, Waxhaw; James B. Stegall, Westminster; Charles W. Hickman, Sr., Westover Hills; T. C. Chapman, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: W. H. Belk, Salem.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Banks, Camden, Hawley Memorial, Marshville, Morven, New Salem, Oakboro, Seigle Avenue, Unionville, Wadesboro.

A quorum was declared present.

Ruling Elder William T. Alexander, of the Mallard Creek Church, and Moderator-Nominee, was unanimously elected Moderator and accepted the gavel from Retiring Moderator, John C. Laughlin.

Visiting brethren, Ministers seeking admission into the Presbytery, and Ruling Elders attending a Meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was made by the host Pastor, Marcus B. Prince, Jr., and received as information.

The Moderator appointed Standing Commitees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
A. Leslie Thompson
Henry S. Robinson
W. M. Birch
T. J. Cooper
Ralph E. Howell

BILLS AND OVERTURES

John C. Laughlin, Chairman
Joe E. Stowe
Marcus B. Prince, III
Howard C. Sharpe
Bobby C. Wilson
William B. Griffin

TELLERS

Robert J. James, Chairman
A. Jackson Morrison
James N. Biggers
Thomas B. Tyndall
William D. Morton
Ken Norris
Allen W. Estridge, Jr.
J. L. Haselden

The report of the Court Meetings Committee, presenting the Docket, was made by the Chairman, Russell M. Kerr, and with amendments, was adopted, as follows:

THE DOCKET

Morning Recess: 10:15-10:30 A.M.

Recess for Lunch: 12:30-1:30 P.M.

Afternoon Recess: 3:30-3:45 P.M.

1. Opening Worship—John C. Laughlin.
2. Memorial to Carl S. Miller—Robert W. Rayburn.
   Memorial to R. E. Huey—F. A. Mathes.
3. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—Administered by Reverend Marcus B. Prince, Jr. and Reverend Marcus B. Prince, III, assisted by the Elders of the Williams Memorial Church.
4. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of visiting Brethren. Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time.
5. Election of Moderator—Mr. William T. Alexander, Moderator-Nominee.
6. Report of Committee on Arrangements by Host Pastor.
7. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures.
   2. Attendance.
   3. Tellers.
8. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—Russell M. Kerr.
9. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess).

10. Report of Treasurer—Calvin B. Baird, Treasurer.
11. Report of Presbytery's Council—John M. Handley, Chairman.
12. Interpretations Committee (Special Order 12 Noon)
    Lord's Day Alliance—Dr. Marion G. Bradwell, Director.
13. Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman.
14. Report of Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations, Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman.
15. Calls for Pastors and Supplies.
16. Commissions to be appointed.
17. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (First Order After Lunch).
18. Report of Personnel Committee—Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Chairman.
    (Commissioners to the General Assembly to be elected)
    (Second Order After Lunch).

18a. Report of Committee on Hunger.

18b. Invitation of Myers Park Church through James E. Fogartie.

19. Report of the General Presbyter—J. Cecil Lawrence.
20. Report of the Commission on Boundaries—Robert Turner, Chairman.
21. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee, Roy W. Coker, Chairman.
22. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
23. Reading and Adoption of Minutes.
24. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction.

The Court recessed for 15 minutes.

The Minutes of the Commission to Ordain and Install James H. Banbury were presented and admitted to record.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR JAMES H. BANBURY, CANDOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 28, 1971 AT 5:00 P.M.

The Commission met on November 28, 1971 at 4:30 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Eugene P. Poe, Chairman; David S. Templeton, Oliver W. Carmichael and Cheves K. Ligon (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service). RULING ELDERS: E. O. Kenion, Patt Harmon, Jr., and K. A. McLeod.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Eugene P. Poe. E. O. Kenion was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. David S. Templeton read the Scripture and had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by David S. Templeton on the topic, "The Missing Verse".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candor Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that James H. Banbury had been regularly elected, Ordained and Installed as Pastor of the Candor Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Oliver W. Carmichael.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Cheves K. Ligon.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Eugene P. Poe.

Edmund O. Kenion
Secretary

A Resolution from the Westover Hills Church on the death of its Stated Supply, Carl S. Miller, was read and admitted to record.

WHEREAS: On January 10, 1972, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and Providence, called to his heavenly home our beloved Pastor, the Reverend Carl Samuel Miller:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That the officers of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, in joint meeting, and representing the congregation of the church take this means to express to Mrs. Grace Miller and to members of her family, our deepest sympathy, and pray for them the blessing of that consolation which can come only from our Heavenly Father:

(2) That we are grateful for this privilege to pay tribute to our late Pastor: for his eloquence in the proclamation of the Gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ; for his constant and inspiring leadership in all phases of the work of the Church; and for his untiring ministry in the visitation of the sick, and bringing comfort to all in need.

(3) That a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of Mrs. Miller, with the assurance of our continued love and devotion; that a copy be mailed to the General Presbyter-Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery; and that a copy be placed in the permanent records of this Church.

Charles W. Hickman, Sr.,
Clerk of Session

A letter of appreciation of the ministry of E. Lee Stoffel from Charles E. S. Kraemer was read, Dr. Stoffel having been dismissed to the Presbytery of Suwannee. It was received as information.

The following request from the Specialized Ministry Committee was granted: That the Chairman of the Strategy and Research Committee be empowered to appoint a Committee to work with like groups in the ARP and UPUSA Churches in exploring areas of common mission and strategy.

A communication from Leonard H. Bullock was referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, (See report of that Committee for action taken).

Certificates of the following Ministers, dismissing them to the Presbytery, were presented as follows: Lewis W. Bledsoe, Orange Presbytery; James David Fletcher*, Southwest Presbytery; J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., New Orleans Presbytery; Robert L. Morgan, Jr., Brazos Presbytery; Douglas W. Oldenburg, Greenbrier Presbytery; John B. Rogers, Jr., Granville Presbytery. (*The admission of Mr. Fletcher into the Presbytery was conditioned upon the reception of his Certificate of Dismissal from Southwest Presbytery.) (Clerk's Note: Mr. Fletcher's Certificate of Dismissal was received February 23, 1972.)

Ruling Elder Stan Lathrop read a statement, "A Matter of Conscience," which was received as information.

The annual Report of the Treasurer, Calvin B. Baird, was presented by him, received, and admitted to record.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY'S CENTRAL TREASURER FINANCIAL REPORT—1971

Budgeted Benevolences on hand January 12, 1971	$ 16,859.73
Presbytery Designated Funds on hand January 12, 1971	238.67

RECEIPTS:

Benevolences	$808,249.47
Interest—Boyd Memorial Fund	2,957.97
Interest—Alexander Fund	402.27
N. C. Tax Refund	524.09
Rent—Camp Stewart Manse	1,524.10
Sale—Typewriter	300.00
Christian Education Fees	782.41
Labor—Sylvester Osborne	81.32
Miscellaneous Refunds	80.19
Designated Funds	11,829.00
Grand Total	$843,829.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Assembly	$390,638.13
Non-Budgeted	15,123.36
Synod of North Carolina	270,068.62
Non-Budgeted	561.00

Mecklenburg Presbytery

Minister and His Work	1,994.93
Presbytery's Council	17,256.75
Court Meetings	517.12
Deployment and Sustentation	59,349.80
Evaluation and Review	50.00
Institutional Ministries	11,628.93

Christian Education	9,921.01
Personnel Committee	12.00
Pre. Ordination-Examination	5,299.72
Contribution for Student	25.00
Publicity-Promotion	5,301.68
Specialized Ministry	17,951.50
Strategy-Research	6,910.00
World Missions	199.00
Total Budgeted Benevolences	$812,808.55
Designated Funds	12,067.67
Grand Total	$824,876.22
Balance on hand January 12, 1972	$ 18,953.00

Savings Account—$8,468.66

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY'S BUSINESS FUND

FINANCIAL REPORT—1971

Balance on hand January 12, 1971	$ 873.32
RECEIPTS 1971	73,379.04
Grand Total	$74,252.36

DISBURSEMENTS:

Office of General Presbyter and Stated Clerk

Salaries, Taxes, Social Security, Allowances	$21,624.24
Ministers' Annuity Fund—Dr. Lawrence	1,415.00
Hospitalization	439.34
Discretionary Fund	821.73
Postage, Supplies	2,003.09
Phone	745.19
Total	$27,048.59

General Presbytery Expenses

General Assembly Assessment	$15,994.71
Synod of N. C. Assessment	19,039.32
Hosting Presbytery	400.00
Publishing Minutes of Presbytery	3,217.27
Parking	255.40
Total	$38,906.70

Office of Central Treasurer

Salaries, Taxes, Social Security	$ 5,068.56
Office rent	1,122.00
Phone	238.52
Postage, Supplies	225.98
Hospitalization	125.09
Total	$ 6,780.15
Total Business Fund	$72,735.44
Balance on hand January 10, 1972	$ 1,516.92

(CLERK'S NOTE: This part of the 1972 Benevolent Spending Budget was left out of the Minutes of the 272nd Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, November 16, 1971).

b. Jail Ministry	1,200.00	
c. Miscellaneous Expense (Postage, office supplies, APHA dues, Conf. required, books for library.)	2,000.00	
8. Interpretation Committee: Operating Expense		25.00
9. Personnel Committee: Operating Expense		25.00
10. Pre-Ordination and Examination Committee:		6,200.00
a. Committee Operating Expense	250.00	(Plus $300 from Alexander Fund)
b. Guidance Testing for Candidates	250.00	
c. Grants in Aid to Candidates	6,000.00	
11. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee: Operating Expense		25.00
12. Specialized Ministry Committee:		18,450.00
a. Committee Operating Expense	50.00	
b. Evangelism	500.00	
c. Monroe Day Care Center	1,000.00	
d. South Tryon Day Care Center	2,000.00	
e. Double Oaks Day Care Center	4,000.00	
f. Inter-Church Action Board	9,000.00	
g. School of the Arts First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte	500.00	
h. Scholarships for Training Exper.	500.00	
i. Dilworth Community Ministries	900.00	
13. Strategy and Research Committee:		2,350.00
a. Committee Operating Expense	350.00	
b. Training Experiences	2,000.00	
14. World Mission Committee:		200.00
a. Committee Operating Expense	50.00	
b. Training and Program	150.00	
15. Worship Committee: Operating Expense		25.00

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented for the Chairman, Frank H. Caldwell, by the Secretary of the Commission, Kenneth P. Craig. It was received and its recommendations adopted.

Since the last report to Presbytery was compiled, meetings of the Commission on the Minister and His Work have been held, with quorums present, in the Session Room of the First Church, Charlotte, on November 11 and December 16, 1971, and on January 20 and February 17, 1972.

Part I: Reports

The following actions of the Commission, not previously reported, are reported from the Minutes of these meetings:

November 11, 1971:—

1. Terms of calls approved:—
   a. To the Rev. Julian Harold McKeithen, Jr. from First Church, Albemarle:—
      Salary—$12,000
      Car Allowance—$1,980
      Manse (including utilities and phone, except long distance calls)
      Group Life and Major Medical Insurance
      10% Ministers' Annuity
      One month vacation
      One week-end each quarter—starting Noon Friday and ending 10 P.M. Sunday. Minister responsible for filling pulpit—Church to pay honorarium.

   b. To the Rev. Robert L. Morgan, Jr., from Seigle Avenue, Charlotte:—
      Salary—$6,900
      10% Ministers' Annuity
      Car Allowance—$1,000
      Manse (expenses to be paid directly by the Church)
      Utilities—$540 annually
      Moving Expenses
      Group Medical and Life Insurance
      One Month Vacation

December 16, 1971:—

1. Hearty and unanimous expression of appreciation of the sacrificial service, wise leadership, and untiring devotion of the Rev. Robert J. James as Chairman of the Commission, and gratitude to the Paw Creek Session for the cooperation of that Church in making Mr. James available for such service.

2. An expression to Presbytery's Council of the Commission's sense of the pressing need for a Pastoral Presbyter.

3. Approval of the Rev. Frank H. Caldwell as Interim Supply of the Davidson Church and Moderator pro tempore of the Session for the period January 1-February 15, 1972.

4. Dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. John Foy and the Altan-Bethany Congregations, and dismissal of Mr. Foy to Fayetteville Presbytery.

5. Request that Locust Church seek an Interim Supply for three months beginning January 1, 1972.

6. Approval of the terms of call to the Rev. John Bush Rogers, Jr. from the Davidson College Church:
   Salary—$10,400
   Car Allowance—$1,200
   Utility Allowance—$500
   Book Allowance—$200
   10% Ministers' Annuity
   Hospitalization for Minister and Family
   Manse
   Four weeks vacation
   Moving expense

January 20, 1972:—

1. Elected the Rev. Kenneth Craig as Secretary, and postponed further organization of the Commission, pending Presbytery's election of an additional member to succeed the Rev. E. Lee Stoffel and the designation of a Co-Chairman.

2. Noted for record and for implementation by congregations concerned that the minimum salary scale for Ministers in Mecklenburg Presbytery, as adopted by Presbytery on May 20, 1970, includes, among other provisions, that the minimum **base** salary shall be as follows:
   1972—$6,900
   1973—$7,000 (Minutes: Vol. 11, No. 2, p. 27)
   1974—$7,300

3 Found the following amendments to terms of calls to Ministers in order for report to Presbytery:—

1. David C. Kennedy	Base salary from $6,600 to $6,900. Utilities from $656 to $677.
2. J. Arthur Beard	$600 car allowance—$300 utilities
3. Leonard H. Bullock	$500 salary increase
4. Kenneth Craig	Base Salary from $9,000 to $9,495. Car allowance from $800 to $844.
5. Robert S. Owens, Jr.	$200 salary increase
6. W. D. Kuenzli	$150 salary increase
7. Rod Love	$1,000 car allowance
8. Russell M. Kerr	$400 salary increase
9. William A. Dysard, Jr.	$400 salary increase
10. Robert J. James	$500 salary increase; $500 car allowance increase
11. E. P. Poe	$600 extra annuity
12. Glenn Hill	$150 utilities increase
13. Zane M. Moore	$600 salary increase; $300 car allowance increase
14. J. E. Ratchford	$300 salary increase
15. James A. Cannon	$7,260 salary to $7,800. $1,080 car allowance to $1,200
16. Roy W. Coker	$400 salary increase
17. James W. Eller	$400 salary increase
18. John A. Luddy, Jr.	$300 salary increase
19. Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	$772 salary increase
20. David E. Wilkinson	5% salary increase
21. Eldon Wadsworth	$605 salary increase
22. W. R. Aughinbaugh	$390 salary increase
23. Eliot Dixon	$300 salary increase
24. A. M. Keith	$600 salary increase
25. G. Curtis Moore	$300 salary increase
26. E. T. Thompson, Jr.	$800 salary increase; $200 car allowance increase
27. J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	$300 salary increase
28. Charles Kirby	$450 salary increase
29. W. D. Morton	$300 salary increase

30. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	$1,000 salary increase
31. J. Cecil Lawrence	$500 salary increase
32. Laura Buzard	$300 salary increase
33. Charles W. Coats	$100 salary increase; $400 car allowance increase
34. Hunter Hill	$300 salary increase; $100 book allowance
35. Paul A. Horne	$400 salary increase
36. A. Jackson Morrison	$500 salary increase
37. Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	$600 salary increase $100 car allowance increase $200 books, continuing education decrease $100 utilities increase $180 misc. professional expenses
38. Charles N. Clegg	$400 salary increase
39. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	$500 salary increase
40. Marcus Prince, Jr.	$400 salary increase
41. Joe Pack Arnold	Increase of $600 per year effective August 1, 1971
42. T. W. Tucker	Increase of $1,160 per year
43. Robert W. Rayburn	Increase of $450 per year
44. French B. O'Shields, Jr.	Increase of $570 per year
45. Fred C. Holder	Increase of $941.50
46. Marcus B. Prince, III	Increase Utility Allowance $100
47. Thomas B. Tyndall	Increase of $350
48. James N. Biggers	Salary Increase $300
49. Joe E. Stowe	Auto Allowance Increase $500
50. Robert O. Freeman	Salary Increase $300
51. R. W. Rayburn	Salary Increase $450
52. James S. Mann	Salary Increase $300
53. James E. Fogartie	Salary Increase $1,200
54. Edward B. Cooper	Increase Utility Allowance $225

4. Dissolved the pastoral relations between the Rev. E. Lee Stoffel and First Church, Charlotte, and dismissed Dr. Stoffel to Suwannee Presbytery—effective February 15, 1972 (the Stated Clerk being requested to write a letter of commendation of Dr. Stoffel to that Presbytery).

5. Appointed the Rev. Leonard Topping as Moderator pro tempore of the Session of Charlotte First Church while that congregation is without a Senior Minister.

6. Approved Mrs. James David Fletcher, Charlotte, as being available for occasional supply of vacant churches in the Presbytery.

7. Received a good report from Chaplain David Boyce on his work.

8. Gave permission to Locust Church to engage the Rev. W. M. Boyce, Sr., as Interim Supply for a period not to exceed three months, with the provision that he serve as Moderator pro tempore of the Session.

9. Approved the contemplated engagement of the Rev. Tom Gallaher (or some other Minister to be approved subsequently) to serve as Interim Supply of the Westover Hills Church and as Moderator pro tempore of the Session.

10. Approved terms of calls to Ministers as follows:
    a. To the Rev. Douglas W. Oldenburg as Senior Minister by Covenant Church, Charlotte:—
    Salary—$15,000
    Annual deferred compensation—$2,000
    Annual Education Allowance—$500
    10% Annuity
    Family Life and Hospitalization Insurance
    Automobile and operating expense
    Manse including utilities and upkeep
    Month vacation
    Moving expenses

    b. To the Rev. Lewis W. Bledsoe as Pastor of the Steele Creek Church:—
    Salary—$13,000, 15% of which is designated manse expense
    Car allowance—$1,200
    MAF Group Insurance
    Four weeks vacation
    Two weeks education option per year with $250 expense allowance
    Moving expense
    Manse or house allowance at option of Minister
    10% Annuity
    Disability Insurance

    c. Motion was passed that the terms of the call of the Amity Church to the Rev. James David Fletcher as assistant minister be approved. Terms of the call are as follows:
    Agreeable living facilities (paid for by the church)
    Salary—$6,900
    Car Allowance, $1,000
    Full 10% annuity
    One month vacation
    Major medical hospital insurance (family)
    Moving expenses

    d. The terms of the call of the Trinity Church to the Rev. Richard C. Brand, Jr., as associate minister were approved. The terms of the call are as follows:
    Salary—$7,400
    Manse Allowance—$2,000
    Car Allowance—$1,200
    Major Medical—(family)
    10% Annuity
    Four weeks vacation

11. Approved the Rev. W. O. Nelson as possible Interim Supply and Session Moderator pro tempore of the Oakboro Church, if available.

Part II: Recommendations

1. In accordance with the action of Presbytery on November 16, 1971, that the Rev. Eugene Poe, on behalf of the Commission, submit to Presbytery at this meeting a proposal from Pilot Life Insurance Company regarding group disability insurance of Ministers, providing that Retired Ministers be excluded in determining the number of Ministers classified as "eligible" under the proposal.

2. That the following calls be found in order and placed in the hands of Ministers indicated, upon their examination and reception into Presbytery:

a. Call of First Church, Albemarle, to the Rev. Julian Harold McKeithen, Jr.

b. Call of Seigle Avenue Church, Charlotte, to the Rev. Robert L. Morgan, Jr.

c. Call of Davidson College Church, Davidson, to the Rev. John Bush Rogers, Jr.

d. Call of Covenant Church, Charlotte, to the Rev. Douglas W. Oldenburg.

e. Call of Steele Creek Church, Charlotte, to the Rev. Lewis W. Bledsoe.

f. Call of the Trinity Church, Charlotte, to the Rev. Richard C. Brand, Jr. as Associate Pastor.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and Examination Committee was presented by Zane M. Moore. The following Ministers seeking admission into the Presbytery were introduced: Lewis W. Bledsoe, Orange Presbytery; James David Fletcher, Southwest Presbytery; J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., New Orleans Presbytery; Robert L. Morgan, Jr., Brazos Presbytery; Douglas W. Oldenburg, Greenbrier Presbytery; John B. Rogers, Jr., Granville Presbytery.

The Committee through Mr. Moore reported that it had conducted an examination of these brethren, in Committee session, and now presented them to the Court with the request that they make individual statements as to their personal religious experience and sense of call, and as to their view on theology, the Sacraments, and Church Government, with opportunity to be given at the conclusion of each statement for questions from the floor. The motion prevailed that the examination of each Minister be completed as we proceed.

The examinations were interrupted for the Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day having arrived, Charles W. Coats introduced G. Marion Bradwell, Executive Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, who addressed the Court on the origin, program, and accomplishments of the Alliance.

Dr. Bradwell was thanked for his address, and the following motion prevailed: That the Moderator appoint an "Ad Interim" Committee to study the Biblical Doctrine of Sabbath observance as related to our modern day culture particularly with reference to the community in which we live; and that, if foreseeable, they offer some "guidelines" for Sabbath observance.

It was voted to recess for Lunch. Grace at the Table prayer was offered by Marcus B. Prince, Jr.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reassembled.

Marcus B. Prince, Jr. was unanimously elected Moderator Nominee for the Second Stated Meeting.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented for the Chairman by Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. and adopted.

1. Henry S. Robinson to fill the unexpired term of E. Lee Stoffel, Class of 1973, Commission on the Minister and His Work.
2. Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First) to replace E. Lee Stoffel on the Special Committee on Staff Priorities.
3. Gene A. Cathey (Sardis) to replace Harvey W. Johnston, M.D., resigned, Class of 1974, on Presbytery's Council.
4. To correct Presbytery's designation of Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on the Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home in Charlotte, Inc.:
   1972—Harry T. Stewart (Sharon)
   1973—John A. Tate, Jr. (Davidson College)
   1974—John D. Hicks (Covenant)
   1975—Frank H. Caldwell
5. Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon) to fill the unexpired term of Miss Mildred Allen, Class of 1974, Specialized Ministry Committee.

Following further nominations from the floor, balloting for Commissioners to the General Assembly, which meets June 11-16, 1972 at Montreat, North Carolina, was engaged in. The following is the results of the balloting, and the motion prevailed that those so named be duly elected as Principal and Alternate Commissioners:

Ministers

Principals: J. Cecil Lawrence, David E. Wilkinson, Marcus B. Prince, Jr. David C. Kennedy, Thomas W. MacLean, Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., Horace H. Hilton, Jr. Paul A. Horne.

Alternates: Fred C. Holder, David C. Hambrick, Jr., Charles L. Kirby, J. E. Wayland, Jr., Horace E. Stoessel, H. Howard Smith, Carl T. Uzzell, Edward C. Wilson.

Ruling Elders

Principals: Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek) Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant), Calvin B. Baird (Sardis), George H. Venable (South Tryon), William D. Poteat (Newell), Mrs. Henry L. Harkey (Myers Park), Robert P. Alexander (Mulberry), Leon Hoover (Third).

Alternates: Glenn D. Hunt (Cook's Memorial), W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon), J. Aubrey Chrisman (Selwyn Avenue), Robert L. McCain (Walkersville), Otis C. Gray (Ramah), Evan W. Holyfield (Thomasboro), W. A. Hood (Matthews), James H. Barnhardt (Covenant).

Youth Delegate

Principal: David C. Verner (Myers Park).

Alternate: Robert L. Paden (Quail Hollow).

The following motion prevailed: That the Presbytery request the Personnel Committee, in submitting nominations for Commissioners to the General Assembly, to include a short sketch of the Ruling Elder nominees and their service to the Church, and state how long it has been since an Elder from that Church was a representative to the General Assembly.

The motion prevailed that Presbytery instruct the Commission on the Minister and His Work to present to the next Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New) a method for entering into a Disability Insurance Program with Pilot Life Insurance Company.

A report of the Committee on Hunger, made by Thomas A. Little, Jr., was received as information.

Announcement was made by James E. Fogartie concerning a series of "Unity Meetings", the purpose of which was to promote fellowship and a sense of unity among Charlotte Presbyterians. The first general meeting will be held in the Myers Park Church Sunday evening, February 27.

Returning to the report of the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examination, the examination of Ministers seeking admission into the Presbytery was continued.

The motion prevailed that the examination of the before mentioned brethren, in their several parts and as a whole, be sustained as satisfactory and that they be admitted to membership of the Presbytery upon signing the Roll Book, and that Calls to their Churches be placed in their hands and that Commissions be appointed to install them.

The following supplementary report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was adopted:

PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

I. Proposal—To conduct a quiet, selective fund raising campaign.

II. Purpose—To supplement those funds now made available to the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee by Mecklenburg Presbytery and to a limited extent by the Alexander Fund in the Presbyterian Foundation for grants-in-aid to candidates for the ministry from this Presbytery and other full time church-related ministries.

III. Method of Solicitation to be used—Members of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee and certain other selected persons would contact interested individuals of means in an effort to obtain funds to be placed with the Presbyterian Foundation in an endowment-type fund, the income from which would be available for the supplemental aid for candidates and other full time church related ministries. A general canvass of a church congregation is not being considered. The Committee would contact the ministers and/or a few other individuals in the churches in the Presbytery for recommendations of names to be solicited.

IV. Administration of the Fund—

(1) The investment of the funds will be handled by the Presbyterian Foundation.

(2) The income from the funds will be available for the support of Presbytery's ministerial candidates on the request of the Finance Subcommittee of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee.

(3) Accumulated income will be added to principal on the direction of said Finance Subcommittee.

(4) In the case of an insufficiency of income to meet the current support of the candidate, and other full time church related ministries, when considered with other funds available to the Committee for this support, the Finance Subcommittee, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Foundation, may withdraw up to 10% of the principal of the fund in any one year, in such cases where principal is unrestricted by the donor.

(5) A periodic review of this procedure pertaining to the income and principal of the fund may be made by Presbytery.

V. Time of Campaign—To begin immediately and to have no definite termination date.

VI. Types of Gifts Sought—

(1) Cash
(2) Securities
(3) Real Estate
(4) Life Insurance
(5) Bequests Under Wills
(6) Other Property of Value

The report of the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examination was adopted as a whole.

The Calls to the Churches for the brethren received into the Presbytery were placed in their hands and accepted as follows:

James David Fletcher, Assistant Pastor, Amity Church; Lewis W. Bledsoe, to Steele Creek Church; J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. to First Church, Albemarle; Robert L. Morgan, Jr. to Seigle Avenue; Douglas W. Oldenburg to Covenant; John B. Rogers, Jr. to Davidson College Church; and Richard C. Brand, Jr. accepted the Call of the Trinity Church to become Associate Pastor.

Terms of the Calls are given in the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Frank C. Wilkinson of the Calvary Church, Davidson, became a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New) as his Church is now a part of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New).

The following Commissions were appointed to install these brethren in their Churches:

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install James David Fletcher As Assistant Pastor Of The Amity Presbyterian Church On Sunday, March 19, 1972 At 11:00 A.M.

Ministers:

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Joseph F. Condro, To preach the Sermon.

Robert L. Morgan, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Ruling Elders:

John E. Butler, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Thomas H. Donaldson. To read the Scripture.

Harold J. Caldwell, Prayer.

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install Lewis W. Bledsoe As Pastor Of The Steele Creek Presbyterian Church On Sunday, March 12, 1972 At 7:30 P.M.

Ministers:

Zane M. Moore, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Joseph B. Mullin, To preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Robert S. Owens, Jr. To deliver the charge to the Pastor.

Robert O. Freeman, Opening Prayer.

Ruling Elders:

Michael G. Myers (Covenant), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Billy J. McFall (Selwyn Avenue), To read the Scripture.

T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill), Prayer of Installation.

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. As Pastor Of First Presbyterian, Church, Albemarle, N. C. On Sunday, March 19, 1972 At 11:00 A.M.

Ministers:

John M. Handley, Chairman, To preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Warner L. Hall, To preach the Sermon.

Charles C. Cowsert, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Ruling Elders:

A. Ward McKeithen, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

W. Davis Fort, M.D.

James P. Sifford.

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install Robert L. Morgan, Jr. As Pastor Of The Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church On Sunday, March 5, 1972 At 10:45 A.M.

Ministers:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

James David Fletcher, To preach the Sermon.

Walter D. Clark, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Robert O. Freeman.

Ruling Elders:

Blaine Hall (Seigle Avenue), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

William T. Crowder (Third).

James C. Wilson (Myers Park).

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install Douglas Wayne Oldenburg As Pastor Of Covenant Presbyterian Church On Sunday, March 12, 1972 At 7:30 P.M.

Ministers:

Robert H. Ramey, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

William A. Benfield, Jr., To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Warner L. Hall, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

James E. Fogartie, To lead the Worship.

Ruling Elders:

G. Donald Davidson, Jr. (Covenant), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First).

Mrs. Hugh D. Verner (Myers Park).

Frontis W. Johnston (Davidson College).

To Be Invited By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Bring Greetings:

From United Presbyterian Church: Dr. Lionel H. Newsom.

From Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: Dr. Paul L. Sherrill.

From Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte: The Most Reverend Michael J. Begley.

From the Protestant Communion: Reverend William B. Ellison.

To Be Invited As A Non-Participating Guest Of The Commission:
Mr. T. Oldenburg.

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install John B. Rogers, Jr. As Pastor Of The Davidson College Presbyterian Church On Sunday, April 9, 1972 At 11:00 A.M.

Ministers:

W. G. Workman, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Warner L. Hall, To preach the Sermon.

Wallace M. Alston, Jr., To deliver the charge to the Pastor. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

John H. Leith, To deliver the charge to the Congregation. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

J. S. Garner.

Ruling Elders:

John D. Kelton (Davidson College Church).

Samuel R. Spencer (Davidson College Church).

James B. Woods, M.D. (Davidson College Church).

John B. Rogers, Sr. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

TO: Mecklenburg Presbytery

RE: Commission To Install
Reverend Richard C. Brand, Jr.
as Associate Minister
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Mecklenburg Presbytery is requested to permit the Stated Clerk in consultation with Reverend Richard C. Brand, Jr. to name a Commission to Install him as Pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Also, that the Stated Clerk and the Trinity Presbyterian Church set the date of the Service. Adopted.

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

The report of the General Presbyter was presented by J. Cecil Lawrence, adopted and admitted to record.

The Staff of Presbytery's Office has tried in every way possible to be of assistance to Committees of Presbytery. The Staff consists of J. Cecil Lawrence, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk, Miss Annette Bullard, Secretary, and from time to time additional secretarial help when necessary. The Committees have been most cooperative, and we have enjoyed working with them.

The General Presbyter has tried to attend as many meetings of Committees as possible, however, at times there were conflicts. He has spent more time perhaps with the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work than any other one person in Presbytery. The problems and opportunities demand it.

Presbytery has welcomed 17 additional Ministers, and it has been our desire to assist them in the orientation period. Eleven Ministers were dismissed during 1971. To them, we have expressed appreciation for their labors and services rendered in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

There are many routine activities going on in Presbytery's Office at all times, such as correspondence, preparation of materials for the **Mecklenburg Presbyterian** and Minutes of Presbytery. The Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

Due to the change in the Boundaries of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the following Churches and Ministers were dismissed: CHURCHES: Biscoe, Cameronian, Candor, Ellerbe, Hamlet, Macedonia, Marks Creek, Marston, McLean, Rourk, Mt. Carmel, Norman, Mt. Gilead, Pee Dee, Park Avenue, Rockingham, Star and Troy. MINISTERS: David H. Bowman, W. W. Thrower, James H. Banbury, W. F. Long, Marshal L. Smith, Jr., Vance C. Baucom, Taft A. Franklin, Fred H. Currie, Paul P. Thrower, W. T. DuBose and Franklin Toole, Jr.

The Davidson College Presbyterian Church and Calvary of Davidson became members of Mecklenburg Presbytery. As of January 1, 1972, there are 89 Churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery and 135 Ministers (Retired and Active).

At the end of 1970, Mecklenburg Presbytery had 37,556 Communicants. At the end of 1971, Communicants numbered 37,330. This shows a loss of 226. The Sunday School Enrollment for 1970 was 26,435. In 1971 it was 24,411. Loss of 2,024. Giving to Total Budgeted Benevolences by all Churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery in 1970 amounted to $788,522, and in 1971 to $819,885. The giving to Total Budgeted Benevolences increased $31,363 in 1971 over 1970.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Church Year—1971

Ruling Elders	1,290
Deacons	1,285
Added on Profession	829
Other Gains	1,579
Losses	2,639
Communicants	37,330
Adult Baptisms	210
Infant Baptisms	553
Sunday School Enrollment	24,411

Financial Report

1. Assembly's Causes	389,128
2. Synod's Causes	262,655
3. Presbytery's Causes	168,102
4. Total Budgeted Benevolences	819,885
5. Assembly's Non-Budgeted Causes	72,810
6. Synod's Non-Budgeted Causes	214,547
7. Presbytery's Non-Budgeted Causes	23,856
8. Congregational Missions	149,377
9. Miscellaneous Contributions	149,165
10. Total Non-Budgeted Benevolences	609,755
11. Total to all Benevolences	1,429,640
12. Current Expenses	3,674,778
13. Building Fund Receipts	739,733
14. Total All Contributions	5,844,141

John M. Handley, Chairman of Presbytery's Council, made a verbal report for the Council which was accepted as information.

Robert Turner read a letter from Reverend John W. Hesley requesting that his name be removed from the Roll of Mecklenburg Presbytery due to his desire to demit the Ministry. Motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery write to Mr. Hesley indicating that this matter is docketed for action at the next Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New).

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. It was received and its recommendations adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery express our gratitude to the Pastor, Officers and members of Memorial Presbyterian Church for their faithfulness in matters of stewardship, which has enabled them to take the significant step of becoming self-supporting on January 1, 1972. This church was organized in May 1967 and now has 170 members. They are now looking forward to the construction of a much needed all purpose building. We would assure this congregation of our continued interest in their growth and development and their witness to our Lord Jesus in that community.

2. That the Budget for Deployment and Sustentation for 1972 be admitted to record as follows:

I. Sustentation to Churches:

Church	**Amount**
Albemarle Road	$4,200
Amay James	4,300
W. H. Belk	2,000
Calvary	4,000
East	10,800
Seigle Avenue	12,000
Smallwood	3,600
South Tryon	7,000
Stephenson	3,500
For work now under consideration by S & R and D & S Committees	3,600
Total Sustentation	$55,000
II. Emergency Fund	1,000
III. Building: Benton Heights Church	3,500
IV. Committee Expenses	300
Total Budget	$59,800

(Note: On November 16, 1971, Presbytery approved a total amount for Deployment and Sustentation Committee of $59,800 from the following sources: Presbytery Benevolences $57,300 and $2,500 from the Boyd Fund. See Minutes p. 58)

The following resolution with regard to any existing obligations of Mecklenburg Presbytery (Old) was adopted: That Mecklenburg Presbytery (New) in session at Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. on February 22, 1972, does officially assume full responsibility for all obligations, endorsements and liabilities of Mecklenburg Presbytery (Old) as it existed prior to December 31, 1971.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by John C. Laughlin. It was adopted as a FIRST READING.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Manual of Presbytery be amended as follows:
   "That Mecklenburg Presbytery's Personnel Committee place a minister or a layman on only one permanent committee of Presbytery at a time for a term of service in order to permit more ministers and lay people to serve, except when in the judgment of the Committee a man or woman should serve on more than one committee, at which time valid reasons for this should be given to the Presbytery at the time of his or her nomination." First Reading.

2. That this clause be implemented when it becomes a part of the Manual.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions of the Court Meetings Committee was presented by A. Merrell Keith and adopted.

"The Presbytery of Mecklenburg gives thanks to God for His bountiful grace in Jesus Christ. We praise Him for His mercies and blessings at this 1st Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New). His Spirit has guided us, and His blessings and presence have been felt in this Assembly. We pray that the Head of the Church will continue to rule through its members to advance the Kingdom of God in Mecklenburg Presbytery (New) and in the world.

We praise God for the leadership of the Moderator in presiding over this Court. We are grateful to the Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church for the use of her facilities, and give our thanks to the Session of the Church for their hospitality and kindness. Especially are we grateful for the refreshments and the delicious meal served by the Women of the Church.

Also, we wish to say a word of appreciation for the Minister, Marcus Brown Prince, Jr., who since 1932 has served this Church in love and dedication. His service of forty years has been a blessing to the Congregation of the Williams Memorial Church, and his work and influence have been felt in Mecklenburg Presbytery since his Ordination in July 1929. We praise God for his service in the Church, and ask God to be with him in a special way as he looks forward to his retirement in August 1972."

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The Minutes were read, corrected, and adopted.

The motion prevailed for adjournment; the next Stated Meeting to be held at Queens College on May 23, 1972.

Adjournment was with prayer by the Moderator.

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

Thomas C. Bryan
Permanent Clerk, pro-tem
Miss Annette Bullard
Assisting Clerk

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New)

Third Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
March 28, 1972

The Presbytery met and was called to order by the Moderator, William T. Alexander, who led the opening prayer.

The Enrollment taken was as follows:

ENROLLMENT: The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, E. O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, Charles W. Coats, Roy W. Coker, J. F. Condro, C. C. Cowsert, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, W. A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, James David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, Warner L. Hall, John M. Handley, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, Robert J. James, David C. Kennedy, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. B. Kirkland, Jr., J. Cecil Lawrence, T. A. Little, Jr., R. R. Love, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, F. R. McAlister, Sr., F. A. Mathes, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Zane M. Moore, W. D. Morton, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Robert S. Owens, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Eugene P. Poe, R. H. Ramey, Jr., R. W. Rayburn, Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Joe E. Stowe, David S. Templeton, Jr., A. Leslie Thompson, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, T. B. Tyndall, Carl Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wayland, Sr., Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, M. R. Williamson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: T. J. Nash, III, M. B. Prince, Jr., M. B. Prince, III, Jennings B. Reid, John B. Rogers, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Edward C. Wilson.

RULING ELDERS: W. O. Jolly, III, Albermarle First; Kenneth Emery, Albemarle Road; Bill Jackson, Amity; Brooks Long, Bethlehem; Hartwell L. Graham, Caldwell Memorial; J. Oscar Gant, Calvary; Charles Blackwelder, Central Steele Creek; W. M. Burch, Christ; T. M. Mayfield, Jr., Charlotte First; Edward E. White, Cook's Memorial; Carleton N. Whilden, James B. Kuykendall, Jr., J. Leon Moore, Covenant; C. H. Smith, Huntersville; Troy M. Boulware, Indian Trail; H. B. Grice, Johnston Memorial; William T. Alexander, Mallard Creek; Lex Hood, Matthews; Fred McCallum, Monroe First; Frank L. Marshall, Mulberry; M. L. Love, Newell; James M. Painter, Paw Creek; Ralph Howell, Philadelphia; L. F. Miller, Robinson; Ed H. Walker, Sardis; John B. Neel, Steele Creek; Fred Griffith, Third; Ross Miller, Thomasboro; Mitchell Tyson, Walkersville; Jim Stegall, Westminister; T. C. Chapman, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Quail Hollow, Davidson College, Waxhaw, Memorial.

A Quorum was declared Present.

The Moderator appointed the Attendance Committee composed of J. Arthur Beard and G. Eliot Dixon.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

The Call for the meeting was read, found in order, and was as follows:

> "The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, I hereby Call Mecklenburg Presbytery to meet on Tuesday, March 28, 1972, at 2:30 P. M. in the Third Presbyterian Church, 4019 Central Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery to sell the Camp Walton Stewart property."
>
> William C. Alexander, Moderator

The following recommendation was presented by J. Cecil Lawrence:

> "That the offer to purchase received from H. M. C. Corporation in the amount of $120,000, less $7,500 brokerage fee and miscellaneous closing costs, be submitted to a Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, at the earliest possible date, with the recommendation that Mecklenburg Presbytery authorize the Trustees to accept the offer and to execute and deliver a warranty deed."

The motion was made and seconded that the above be the action of the Presbytery and the floor was opened for discussion.

A motion for a substitute recommendation was lost and the question called for and the call for the question sustained.

The above recommendation was adopted by a majority vote.

Growing out of the action above, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery at its 268th Stated Meeting on November 24, 1970, upon recommendation of Presbytery's Council, authorized the sale of the Camp Stewart Property, without specifying the price at which the property would be sold and appointed a Committee composed of J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman; Robert H. Ramey, Jr.; William A. Stewart, Jr.; and James W. Price, to represent the Presbytery in the sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Special Committee so appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery has submitted the following recommendation:

> "That the offer to purchase received from H. M. C. Corporation in the amount of $120,000.00, less $7,200.00 brokerage fee and miscellaneous closing costs, be submitted to a Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, at the earliest possible date, with the recommendation that Mecklenburg Presbytery authorize the Trustees to accept the offer and to execute and deliver a warranty deed."

and

WHEREAS, this meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery has been called for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the recommendation of said Special Committee; and

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear to Mecklenburg Presbytery that the offer to purchase includes all furniture and equipment in the Camp property owned by Mecklenburg Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery that said offer should be accepted, subject to these further provisions:

> 1. That the deed to be executed by the Trustees contain the special trustee's warranty usually given by fiduciaries.
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> 2. That Mecklenburg Presbytery assume no responsibility for any ad valorem taxes for 1972 which may be asserted on account of the conveyance of said property to a non-exempt purchaser.
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> 3. That the proceeds of the sale be applied to the extent necessary to satisfy the balance owed to Mutual Savings & Loan Association secured by a deed of trust on the property or a part thereof.

RESOLVED: That the Trustees be authorized and directed to execute a deed and such other instruments as are required to carry out the sale as aforesaid and that they pay over the net proceeds of the sale to the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery and that the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery invest said net proceeds at interest subject to further directions of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That J. Cecil Lawrence, as Chairman of the Special Committee, be authorized to sign the aforesaid contract of sale with H. M. C. Corporation."

The Contract Presbytery authorized J. Cecil Lawrence to sign included the following:

"One Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 ($120,000.00) Dollars upon the following terms:

Cash to bind sale	$ 10,000.00
Cash at closing	$110,000.00
Total	$120,000.00

Subject to:

1. Satisfactory percolation and boring tests.
2. Obtaining proper water by wells, approval or acceptance on both items to be within 15 days after signing of contract.
3. That there are no deed restrictions that would prevent the building of homes.
4. The purchaser reserves the right to withdraw this offer if same has not been accepted by noon time April 4th, 1972.

The closing date to be on or before 30 days from acceptance possession upon closing.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and the Benediction offered by J. Arthur Beard.

Thomas C. Bryan Permanent Clerk	J. Cecil Lawrence Stated Clerk

The Second Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New)

Belk Chapel
Queens College
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 23, 1972

The Presbytery assembled at 9:00 A.M. and was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder William T. Alexander, who led in prayer. The opening hymn in the Worship Service was "Come, Thou Almighty King."

The Moderator introduced Candidate George L. Ducker who preached on the topic, "Loneliness."

Enrollment was taken, and with later additions, was as follows:

Ministers: Joe P. Arnold, W. R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Laura Buzard, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, Oliver W. Carmichael, John A. Carriker, Walter D. Clark, Charles W. Coats, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Joe F. Condro, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Cunningham, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Leighton Ford, Robert O. Freeman, Warner L. Hall, John M. Handley, Glenn L. Hill, Hunter R. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, Q. N. Huneycutt, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, David C. Kennedy, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., J. Cecil Lawrence, John C. Laughlin, T. A. Little, Jr., R. R. Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, Earl MacCormac, James S. Mann, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Thomas J. Nash, III, Douglas W. Oldenburg, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Eugene P. Poe, Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, R. H. Ramey, Jr., James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, H. Howard Smith, John E. Smylie, Horace E. Stoessel, Joe E. Stowe, David S. Templeton, Jr., A. Leslie Thompson, Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Thomas B. Tyndall, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wayland, Jr., J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Robert S. Woodson.

Ministers Excused: Fred C. Holder, A. Merrell Keith, C. F. Jacks, Fred McAlister, Jr., Robert S. Owens, Jr.

Ministers Unexcused: A. Rudolph Hendricks, G. Curtis Moore, Charles N. Clegg.

Ruling Elders: W. O. Jolly, III, M.D., Albemarle First; Harry D. Watson, Sr., Amity; R. C. White, Avondale; R. L. Webster, Badin;

Robert White, Banks; Hugh E. Dunlap, W. H. Belk; Ronald Clark, Benton Heights; Thomas B. Knox, Jr., Bethel; Ira H. Helms, Bethlehem; Roy Whitley, Beulah; Hartwell Graham, Caldwell Memorial; W. Eugene Hastings, Calvary; Samuel G. Weir, Carmel; Charles M. Joy, Central Steele Creek; Robert F. Stokes, Charlotte First; Harry Ferguson, Charlotte Third; Guy Fleming, Christ; J. Price Robinson, Commonwealth-Eastminster; Edward Parks, Cook's Memorial; James C. Davenport, John S. Neely, J. W. Roseboro, Covenant; Malcolm Lester, Davidson College; Roger W. Blackwelder, Jr., East; G. T. Brown, First Union; Carl C. Morrison, Hickory Grove; Howard White, Hopewell; C. Herbert Smith, Huntersville; Wilson Nance, Indian Hill; Donald Helms, Indian Trail; H. B. Grice, Johnston Memorial; William R. McCain, Lee Park; Ray Parnell, Locust; Harry S. Kirk, Mallard Creek; Lex Hood, Matthews; Ross Kistler, McGee; Charles R. Cloud, McQuay; W. Ross Hendrix, Memorial; William McLeod, Monroe First; Harry J. McConnell, Mulberry; Douglas W. Booth, A. Grant Whitney, James C. Wilson, Myers Park; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Glenn, Newell; David C. Lee, Norwood; Ray Yandle. Pageland; Ted Campbell, Paw Creek; Ralph E. Howell, Philadelphia; Richard W. Cammer, Plaza; Vincent E. Severs, Pleasant Hill; Bob Craig, Providence; R. G. Paden, Quail Hollow; E. S. Barnhardt, Ramah; Walter Furr, Ridgecrest; Byron Luna, Robinson; Mrs. Frances Irwin, St. Andrews; John Roberts, St. Giles; Lawrence C. Parham, St. John; Mrs. W. T. Anderson, Albert Smith, Sardis; Miss Summers Tarlton, Seigle Avenue; Lloyd Haselden, Selwyn Avenue; Robert B. Furr, Sharon; W. P. Keels, Siler; David R. Wilson, Steele Creek; Leroy Kimbrell, Stephenson; Joe Hardison, Sugaw Creek; James Q. Wray, Thomasboro; Charles E. Moore, Trinity; Parks McCorkle, Turner; William Wildermuth, Wadesboro; Johnny Mosley, Walkersville; W. C. Massey, Waxhaw; C. Carson Duncan, Westminster; Charles W. Hickman, Sr., Westover Hills; Richard L. Penniger, Williams Memorial.

Church Excused: Albemarle Road.

Churches Unexcused: Altan, Amay James, Bethany, Camden, Clanton Memorial, Forest Hill, Hawley Memorial, Marshville, Morven, New Salem, Oakboro, Rehoboth, Smallwood. South Tryon, Unionville.

A quorum was declared present.

Visiting brethren and Ruling Elders attending their first meeting of Presbytery were introduced and welcomed.

Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Moderator-Nominee, was unanimously elected Moderator and took the chair.

The Docket, presented by Russell M. Kerr, Court Meetings Chairman, was amended and adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—George L. Ducker
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, Rev. Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee) Russell M. Kerr
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—John E. Smylie
6. Appointment of Standing Committees
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)

    (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)

Morning Recess: 10:15-10:30 A.M.

8. Presbyterian Foundation (Special Order 10-15 minutes) Warner L. Hall
9. Report of Special Committee on Camp Stewart—J. Cecil Lawrence
10. Report of Presbytery's Council—John M. Handley
11. Report of Trustees—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr.
12. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Frank H. Caldwell
13. Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery (One hour for these reports 1-7)
    1. Evaluation and Review Committee—E. T. Thompson, Jr.
    2. Christian Education Committee—Mrs. Edmund B. Clark, Jr. (Special order 11:40 A.M.-12:10 P.M.)
    3. Institutional Ministries Committee—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
    4. Strategy and Research Committee—Robert S. Owens, Jr.
    5. Deployment and Sustentation Committee—Roy W. Coker
    6. Specialized Ministry Committee—T. W. Tucker
    7. World Missions Committee—A. T. Trimble, Jr.
14. Medical Benevolence Foundation (Special Order 12:10 P.M.)

Recess for Lunch 12:30-1:30 P.M.

15. Nomination of Moderator (First order after lunch)
16. Report of Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations (Second order after lunch) Oliver W. Carmichael
17. Report of Personnel Committee—Joseph W. Grier, Jr.
18. Commissions to be appointed.
19. Report of Special Committee to Edit Manual—Robert Turner
    "1. That the Manual of Presbytery be amended as follows: That Mecklenburg Presbytery's Personnel Committee place a Minister or a layman on only one permanent Committee of Presbytery at a time for a term of service in order to permit more Ministers and lay people to serve, except when in the judgment of the Committee a man or woman should serve on more than one Committee, at which time valid reasons for this should be given to the Presbytery at the time of his or her nomination. THIS IS SECOND READING.
    2. That this clause be implemented when it becomes a part of the Manual".
20. Report of Interpretations Committee—Robert Turner
21. Consultation on Ordained Ministry—Robert J. James
22. Unfinished Business: Attendance, Standing Committees, Etc.

Afternoon Recess 3:15-3:30 P.M.

23. Court Meetings Committee—Resolution of Thanks
24. Reading and adoption of Minutes
25. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

John E. Smylie, host Minister and Queens College President, presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements and welcomed the Court on behalf of the College. His report was received as information.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

STANDING COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
E. O. Byrd, Jr.
Charles W. Coats
R. W. Blackwelder, Jr.
J. B. Hawfield
Miss Summers Tarlton

BILLS AND OVERTURES

T. W. MacLean, Chairman
A. Leslie Thompson
L. W. Topping
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
Malcolm Lester
Douglas W. Booth
A. Grant Whitney

TELLERS

Horace E. Stoessel, Chairman
Edward B. Cooper
Robert J. James
John W. Rosebro
John Roberts
Charles M. Joy

Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk. These included Certificates of Dismissal for Ministers Robert C. Benson and R. Thomas Cheely from Knoxville Presbytery.

The Minutes of Commissions for Installations of the following pastors were admitted to record:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JAMES DAVID FLETCHER AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE AMITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1972 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on March 19, 1972 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: Fred C. Holder, Chairman; Joseph F. Condro, and Robert L. Morgan, Jr. RULING ELDERS: John E. Butler, Thomas H. Donaldson, Harold J. Caldwell, Sr.

The Commission Meeting was opened with prayer by Fred C. Holder. Harold J. Caldwell, Sr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Thomas H. Donaldson read the Scripture and Harold J. Caldwell, Sr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Joseph F. Condro on the topic, "A Measure of Hope", from Amos.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Amity Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the

Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that James David Fletcher had been regularly elected, and installed as Assistant Pastor of the Amity Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Robert L. Morgan, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by John E. Butler.

Following prayer and singing, the Pastor, Fred C. Holder, pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert L. Morgan, Jr.

Harold J. Caldwell, Sr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JOHN BUSH ROGERS, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1972 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on April 9, 1972 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: W. G. Workman, Chairman, Warner L. Hall, J. S. Garner, Wallace M. Alston, Jr. and John H. Leith, both of whom were invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service. RULING ELDERS: John D. Kelton, Samuel R. Spencer, James B. Woods, M.D., John B. Rogers, Sr., invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by W. G. Workman. John D. Kelton was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and scripture reading. John B. Rogers, Sr. and James B. Woods, M.D. read the Scripture and W. G. Workman had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Warner L. Hall on the topic/text: "What Are We To Do?" I Peter 2:15.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

J. S. Garner propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. J. S. Garner then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Davidson College Presbyterian Church Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. J. S. Garner then declared that John Bush Rogers, Jr., had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Wallace M. Alston, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by John H. Leith.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by John B. Rogers, Jr.

John D. Kelton
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR J. HAROLD McKEITHEN, JR., PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1972 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on March 19, 1972 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: John M. Handley, Chairman; Warner L. Hall, and Charles C. Cowsert. RULING

ELDERS: A. Ward McKeithen, W. Davis Fort, M.D., and James P. Sifford.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Warner L. Hall. W. Davis Fort, M.D. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Warner L. Hall read the Scripture and John M. Handley had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Warner L. Hall on the topic, "The Mission Of The Church."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by A. Ward McKeithen.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Charles C. Cowsert.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Charles C. Cowsert.

W. Davis Fort, M.D.
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR RICHARD C. BRAND, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1972 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on May 14, at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, H. Louis Patrick, Neil C. Leach. RULING ELDERS: William M. Archer, Jr. (Trinity), Paul B. Bell (Trinity), Joe M. Logan (Trinity).

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by William M. Archer, Jr. Neil C. Leach was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. H. Louis Patrick read the Scripture and had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by H. Louis Patrick on the topic, "The Christ For All Men."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Trinity Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Associate Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Richard C. Brand, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Paul B. Bell.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by William M. Archer, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Richard C. Brand, Jr.

Neil C. Leach
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT L. MORGAN, JR., PASTOR OF SEIGLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1972 AT 10:45 A.M.

The Commission met on March 5, 1972 at 10:15 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, James David Fletcher, Walter D. Clark, Robert O. Freeman. RULING ELDERS: Blaine Hall, William T. Crowder, James C. Wilson.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Walter D. Clark. Robert O. Freeman was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. James David Fletcher read the Scripture and had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by James David Fletcher on the topic/text: "To Be Led Or Mis-Led" Mark 1:14-22.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Seigle Avenue Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Robert L. Morgan, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Blaine Hall.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Walter D. Clark.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by William T. Crowder.

Robert O. Freeman
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR DOUGLAS WAYNE OLDENBURG, PASTOR OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1972 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on March 12, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert H. Ramey, Jr., Chairman; Warner L. Hall, and William A. Benfield, Jr. (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service.) RULING ELDERS: G. Donald Davidson, Jr., Robert F. Stokes, Mrs. Hugh D. Verner, Frontis W. Johnston.

The following were invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to bring greetings: Dr. Calvin Hood, from United Presbyterian Church; Dr. Paul L. Sherrill, from Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; The Most Reverend Michael J. Begley, from Roman Catholic Diocese of

Charlotte; Reverend William B. Ellison, from the Protestant Communion.

Mr. Theodore Oldenburg was invited as a non-participating guest of the Commission.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert H. Ramey, Jr. Robert F. Stokes was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Robert H. Ramey, Jr. read the Scripture and had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by William A. Benfield, Jr. on the topic, "Behold, He Reigns."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Covenant Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Douglas Wayne Oldenburg had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Warner L. Hall.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by G. Donald Davidson, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Frontis W. Johnston.

Robert F. Stokes
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR LEWIS W. BLEDSOE, PASTOR OF THE STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1972 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on March 12, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Zane M. Moore, Chairman; Robert S. Owens, Jr., Robert O. Freeman and Joseph B. Mullin (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service). RULING ELDERS: Michael G. Myers, Billy J. McFall and T. LaFontine Odom.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert O. Freeman. Billy J. McFall was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Billy J. McFall read the Scripture and Robert O. Freeman had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Joseph B. Mullin on the topic, "Marching in the Balsam Trees".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Steele Creek Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Lewis W. Bledsoe had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Robert S. Owens, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Michael G. Myers.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Zane M. Moore.

Billy J. McFall
Secretary

The request of John W. Hesley that he be permitted to demit the ministry, made at the Meeting of February 22, 1972, was considered. Mr. Hesley was notified that his request would be considered at this meeting. His request that he be permitted to demit the ministry without censure was granted, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Hesley that, in keeping with his request, his name has been removed from the roll of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A Resolution from the Session of the Matthews Church was read and received as information.

The request of Marcus B. Prince, Jr. that he be granted Honorable Retirement as of August 31, 1972 was granted.

As a special order, the Court heard an address by Warner L. Hall, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Foundation. His address was received as information.

The report of the Special Committee on Camp Stewart was presented and adopted.

RE: SALE—CAMP WALTON STEWART

Purchase Price:		$120,000.00
Less:		
1. Vinson Realty Company Commission	$ 7,200.00	
2. Mutual Savings and Loan Association Indebtedness on Manse	$ 4,931.92	
3. Revenue Stamps	$ 120.00	
Total	$12,251,92	
Balance:		$107,748.08

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this report be admitted to record.
2. That the Committee on Camp Walton Stewart be dismissed.

A report of the Personnel Committee was read and adopted.

I. The Personnel Committee offers the following recommendations for Committee appointments:
  A. To replace Warner L. Hall, Class of 1973, on Presbytery's Council Charles L. Kirby.
  B. To replace H. Howard Smith, Class of 1973, on Presbytery's Council J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

C. To replace H. Howard Smith on Special Committee on Staff Priorities Frank Alfred Mathes.

II. Nominations to Synod's Committee requiring no action by Presbytery:

A. Christianity and Health: Douglas M. Glasgow, M.D.

B. Church and Society: David M. McConnell.

A report of the Trustees of Presbytery was read and received as information.

The Court recessed for 15 minutes.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by John M. Handley, and was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. "That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg place the net proceeds from the sale of Camp Stewart property with The Presbyterian Foundation under the regular Trust Agreement offered by the Foundation, and that the General Presbyter be authorized to act as Presbytery's Agent in executing this agreement."

B. That the annual income from said trust be earmarked for Christian Education to offset the Camping and Conference expenses of Presbytery.

The above recommendations are made on the basis of the following information as furnished by The Presbyterian Foundation, regarding such a Trust Agreement:

1. This is a revocable trust. The trust may be terminated and the funds withdrawn by the Presbytery on June 30th or December 31st of any year. In the case of an emergency, the funds may be withdrawn at other times though we would like very much to have at least 30 days notice.

2. This trust, along with all other such funds which we hold for others, will be placed in the common fund which is invested by professional fund management which maintains constant supervision of the fund. These investments are also carefully supervised by the Investment Committee of the Trustees of the Foundation.

3. Income. We seek to get 4½% cash income per year. We are aiming at a 10% total return. This means that we expect to average over a ten-year period at least 5½% appreciation per annum. It would be fairly simple to secure a far larger cash income than 4½%, but 4½% was chosen because it was in the opinion of Investment Counsel the level at which we might be expected to realize at least 5½% appreciation which would enable us to stay ahead of the inflationary erosion which is taking place. The income is paid out semi-annually on June 30th and December 31st.

4. Charges. In all Investment and Management programs we charge ¼ of 1% of the principal per year or $2.50 per $1,000.00. This falls far short of covering the cost of handling the fund and the payment for Investment Counsel, but does help defray some of the cost. It seems appropriate to us that those who benefit from the services offered by the Foundation should share in the cost of them and, therefore, this charge is made.

C. That Mecklenburg Presbytery support the building program of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in the amount of $50,000 to be paid in equal amounts over three calendar years to begin January 1, 1973."

Announcement was made concerning the Men's Conference at Montreat, June 16-18, and was received as information.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His

Work was presented by Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman. It was received and its recommendations adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That Mecklenburg Presbytery endorse for all its active ministers the Disability Insurance Plan available from the Pilot Life Insurance Company.

(2) Further, that it request all churches to include this coverage in the ministers' calls. The minimum amount to be $80.46 annual premium for $400 monthly disability payments.

(3) Further, that the Committee on Deployment and Sustentation make it possible for every church receiving aid to include its ministers in this Disability Insurance.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That, upon his examination and reception into Presbytery, the call of the Westover Hills Church to George Leslie Ducker be placed in his hands and a Commission be appointed to ordain and install him, the approved terms of the call being:

$7,200 base salary
$1,000 car allowance
$ 200 book allowance
Family Hospitalization Insurance
Moving Expenses from Louisville
Utilities, except Long Distance calls
$200 Conference fees
10% MAF Payments
One Month Vacation
Manse

(2) That, upon his examination and reception into Presbytery, the call of the Lee Park (Beulah-Stated Supply) Church to Robert C. Benson be placed in his hands and a Commission be appointed to install him, the approved terms of the call being:

$7,200 Base Salary
$1,000 Car Allowance
Manse or $160 month allowance
10%MAF Payments
Utilities, except long distance calls
Group and Major medical insurance
Moving expense
One month vacation

(3) Terms of the Call to R. Thomas Cheely, called as Pastor of the Locust Church:

$6,900 Base Salary
$1,000 Car Allowance
Manse
Utilities paid by Church
Moving Expenses
Four weeks vacation
Major Medical Insurance
10%MAF

(4) At a meeting of the Commission on May 18, 1972, J. Brett Fenwick was granted a letter of dismissal to Abingdon Presbytery effective May 18, 1972.

H. Howard Smith presented his resignation as Pastor of the Wadesboro Church as of June 30, 1972. A representative of his congregation was heard from concurring in his request. The request was granted and Mr. Smith was granted a letter of dismissal to Fayetteville Presbytery.

A report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., and received as information.

A report of the Institutional Ministries Committee was presented by J. E. Wayland, Jr. The following motion was adopted: That Presbytery, by its prayers and financial support, enable this Committee to broaden its work in this most productive area.

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was presented by Roy W. Coker and received as information.

The report of the Specialized Ministry Committee was presented by T. W. Tucker, and the recommendations adopted:

Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery call to the attention of our Sessions the interdenominational emphasis on evangelism in 1973 entitled "Key 73," and encourage their preparation for participation.
2. That Presbytery commend to our Sessions for their study the special April issue of **Presbyterian Survey** devoted to evangelism.
3. That Presbytery call to the attention of our Sessions these summer opportunities for training in outreach: Youth Ministries Conference—Montreat, Aug. 5-11; and School of Evangelism—Montreat, Aug. 14-17. (Some scholarship help is available from our budget where a need exists. Contact T. W. Tucker, Sardis Presbyterian Church.)
4. That Presbytery recommend to our Sessions for their study the **attached** sample of measurable objectives, with the suggestion that local churches establish their own objectives in evangelism for 1973 and 1974 and share these with our committee.
5. That Presbytery call to the attention of our Session a recent action of the Board of National Ministries described below:

> "In October 1972 The Board of National Ministries will allocate $150,000 for partnership with presbyteries in congregational evangelism. The funds will be given to establish or to augment congregational ministries which possess unusual evangelistic opportunities.
>
> "Both congregation's and presbytery's committees on national ministries are urged to plan and to act creatively, to be bold and venturesome in witness and service. Both are encouraged to consider a wide range of evangelistic methods and styles."

(Donald E. Neel)

SAMPLE

MEASUREABLE AND OBTAINABLE OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED BY DECEMBER 31, 1973

1. Conduct a self-study and evaluation of the congregation and its priority for evangelism, including a statistical study and review of membership records of gains, losses and baptisms over the last five to ten years.
    - —How many were received from outside the church family?
    - —Why did they join?
    - —Have they been assimilated? How?
    - —How many are inactive now? Why?
2. Make an analysis of the community in which the congregation serves, so as better to understand its people and their needs and to relate the Gospel to them.

3. Use forms of worship that will clearly communicate the Gospel and provide opportunity for response and dedication, including a series of special evangelistic services.
4. Make use of the Lay Renewal Gathering Program of the Board of National Ministries.
5. Develop programs of person-to-person evangelism with adequate training for the witnesses.
6. Receive 10% of membership by profession of faith or reaffirmation during this two-year period.
7. Provide programs of assimilation for new members that insure their active growing life in the Church, including a comprehensive communicant-training program.
8. Make a planned use of the radio, television and printed media to communicate the message of the Church.
9. Encourage disciplined prayer by individuals and groups in the achievement of these objectives.
10. Report by the congregations to Presbytery at its meeting in February, 1974, as to the achievement of these objectives.

The report of the Committee on World Missions was presented by Ruling Elder A. T. Trimble, Jr., and the recommendations were adopted.

WORLD MISSIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED:

1. Warmly encourages the members of Presbytery to participate in the emphasis on evangelism at the World Missions Conference at Montreat, July 28-August 4, 1972, and to urge our members to do so in our individual congregations.
2. Especially encourages the attendance of young people at the Conference to share in Bible study, to talk with our missionaries and to enjoy Christian fellowship. (These young people can avail themselves of financial help from Presbytery's Committee when necessary).
3. Strongly commends efforts of Mecklenburg Presbyterians to send needed medicines and bandages to our mission hospitals, and calls upon our churches to seek an active part in these programs.
4. Endorses the call to each of our churches to undertake the support of a new missionary. (Under new Board and General Council policies each church can now relate itself to a particular missionary, regardless of its financial support. By pledging to meet its askings for benevolences, each church can now receive and forward designated gifts that are not equalized.)
5. Recognizes and commends the special value of having members of Presbytery make special visits to our mission fields and then share accounts of their observations with us.
6. Gives active encouragement to each of our churches to participate in a new specific and concrete way in our worldwide witness. This can be done by selecting and providing a special approved item needed by one of our missionaries to further the work of evangelism.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by Mrs. Edmund B. Clark, Jr., assisted by a panel of sub-committee chairmen who spoke on the various facets of the work of the Committee. This report was received as information.

As a special order, the Court heard an address by Mr. Ken Shultz, area representative of the Medical Benevolence Foundation. This was received as information.

A report of the Strategy and Research Committee was presented in behalf of the Committee by Thomas A. Little, Jr., and received as information.

The Court recessed for Lunch at 12:30 P.M. with prayer for Grace at the table offered by Frank C. Wilkinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court re-assembled at 1:30 P.M., with prayer by the Moderator.

Marcus B. Prince, III was elected Moderator-Nominee by acclamation.

The Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examination presented its report, the first part being the following action:

> That Mecklenburg Presbytery authorize the Stated Clerk to sign the revocable trust agreement between Mecklenburg Presbytery and The Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. (U.S.) in order to implement the creation of the Fund for Theological Education to be used by The Presbyterian Foundation, the income from which would be used for the supplemental support of candidates for the ministry and other church related professions or for such other purposes as Mecklenburg Presbytery might from time to time direct that the funds be used for.

The Committee presented the following young men seeking to be taken under the care of Presbytery as Candidates for the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments:

Ronald Ray Nichols, Plaza Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Hopewell Church

Olin M. Whitener, Hickory Grove Church

William Kenneth Wilson, II, First Church, Albemarle

After hearing from each of the above as to their personal religious experience and their motives for seeking the Ministry, the motion prevailed that they be received as Candidates. A service of induction was conducted by the Moderator, and the Pastors and a Ruling Elder from the churches of which the Candidates are members gave them a welcome and the right hand of fellowship. Prayer was offered by Oliver W. Carmichael.

Mr. George L. Ducker, a Candidate on the Roll of Presbytery, was presented as seeking Ordination as a Minister of the Word and the Sacraments. His examination proceeded. Mr. Ducker's sermon at the opening of Presbytery was approved as a satisfactory part of his examination. The following parts were also approved as satisfactory: his personal beliefs statement and sense of call; Theology, Church Government and Sacraments and English Bible. The examination in its parts and as a whole being sustained as satisfactory, Mr. Ducker was received into the Presbytery pending his Ordination by a Commission to be appointed. A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Ducker from the Westover Hills Church, having been approved by the Commission on the Minister and His Work, was presented. See report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the call.

Mr. Ducker indicated his acceptance of this Call, and the following Commission was appointed to Ordain and Install him as Pastor of the Westover Hills Church:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL GEORGE L. DUCKER AS PASTOR OF THE WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1972 AT 5:00 P.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

James A. Dewey, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

James E. Fogartie, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Oliver W. Carmichael, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Harry M. Boyd (Myers Park).

William S. McClelland, Jr. (Myers Park).

Mrs. Eloise Stilwell (Westover Hills).

This completed the report of the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations.

Zane M. Moore, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Examinations, presented Robert C. Benson of the Presbytery of Knoxville seeking admission into the Presbytery. His examination was conducted as required. It was sustained as a whole as satisfactory. The Call for the pastoral services of Mr. Benson from the Lee Park Church, with permission to serve as Stated Supply of the Beulah Church, was presented as approved by the Commission on the Minister and His Work. See report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the Call. Mr. Benson indicated his acceptance of the Call, and the following Commission was appointed to install him:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ROBERT C. BENSON AS PASTOR OF THE LEE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1972 AT 5:00 P.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

T. Duke Williams, To preach the Sermon.

Q. N. Huneycutt, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Roy Whitley (Beulah) Prayer.

D. B. Gettys (Monroe First) To Deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

John Williams (Lee Park)

The Moderator recognized Mr. Ray Parnell, Ruling Elder in the Locust Church, who read a communication from the

Session of that Church to the Presbytery. This communication was admitted to record as follows:

SESSIONAL STATEMENT

1. We would remind Mecklenburg Presbytery that Locust Church has always been a loyal participant in the programs of Presbytery, The Synod, and The General Assembly.
2. We affirm our desire to continue this allegiance.
3. We feel that calling Rev. R. Thomas Cheely will contribute greatly to the further development of The Locust Church spiritually, numerically, and financially.
4. We long to do what is God's will, and as Presbyterians, what is set forth in The Westminster Confession Of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism of our Church. To these we are conscience and duty bound.
5. We further desire to be a part of God's Kingdom and Christ's work within the Presbyterian Church, U. S., for we deeply believe it is a church formed from Scriptural Guidelines and directed by a Biblical System of Government as set forth in The Book Of Church Order. Our foremost wish is to be witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be Scripturally Loyal Presbyterians.

Raymond B. Parnell
Clerk of Session

The motion prevailed that the Court proceed to examine R. Thomas Cheely of the Presbytery of Knoxville who is seeking admission into the Presbytery.

Mr. Cheely made a statement as to his personal religious experience, his sense of call, and his basic theological beliefs. This was sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Church Government and the Sacraments was conducted by Charles C. Cowsert together with several members of the Court. Full opportunity for questions having been given, the motion prevailed that the examination of R. Thomas Cheely in all its parts and as a whole be sustained as satisfactory and that he be enrolled as a member of Presbytery.

The Call for the pastoral services of R. Thomas Cheely from the Locust Church was placed in his hands. See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the call.

Mr. Cheely indicated his willingness to accept the Call, and the following commission was appointed to install him as Pastor of the Locust Church.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL R. THOMAS CHEELY AS PASTOR OF THE LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1972 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Leonard H. Bullock, To preach the Sermon.

W. M. Boyce, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Ray Parnell, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.
Joe Clontz.
David Lockwood.

Zane M. Moore, on behalf of the Examinations Committee, expressed appreciation to the Court and its members for the fine spirit as exemplified in examining the brethren seeking admission into the Presbytery.

The Annual Report of the Women of the Church of Mecklenburg Presbytery was received as information.

Oliver W. Carmichael, having received a request from Daniel Drew Robinson that his name be dropped from the Roll of Candidates, made the motion that the request be granted.

A report of the Special Committee to Edit the Manual of Presbytery, consisting of a second reading to an amendment to the Manual, was adopted as follows:

That Mecklenburg Presbytery's Personnel Committee place a Minister or a layman on only one permanent Committee of Presbytery at a time for a term of service in order to permit more Ministers and lay people to serve, except when in the judgment of the Committee a man or woman should serve on more than one Committee, at which time valid reasons for this should be given to the Presbytery at the time of his or her nomination.

The report of the Interpretations Committee by Robert Turner was referred back to the Committee for a more complete answer to the matters referred to the Committee.

A report on the Consultation on the Church's Use of the Ordained Ministry was made by Robert J. James and received as information.

The report of the Attendance Committee was submitted by J. Arthur Beard and adopted. (See Enrollment)

A report of the sub-committee on Resolutions of the Committee on Court Meetings was submitted by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. and adopted.

We wish to express our appreciation to Almighty God for the opportunity to meet and transact the business of His Church in such pleasant surroundings.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. John E. Smylie and his Staff for the gracious hospitality which they have extended us. We enjoyed the delicious meal which was provided for us.

Today we would reaffirm our thanks for Queens College and the great service she is rendering the Church in educating the young women who are enrolled. We pray God's continuing blessing upon the splendid Institution of Higher Education.

We wish to thank Mr. George Ducker for his well prepared and helpful sermon.

We wish to thank Mr. Ken Shultz, of the Medical Benevolence Foundation, for his presentation of the work of that Organization.

We are grateful to Mr. Charles E. Ostwalt, of the Pilot Life Insurance Company, for his presence with us and his sharing his time and information regarding our Disability Insurance Plan with our churches and ministers.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn to meet in the 3rd Stated Meeting at the Alexander Children's Center on September 26, 1972 at 9:00 A.M.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved as read.

Adjournment was with the Apostolic Benediction pronounced by J. Arthur Beard.

Thomas C. Bryan
Permanent Clerk

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Jan., 1957	Selwyn Avenue	David E. Wilkinson
Apr., 1957	Clanton Memorial	Rev. W. M. Boyce
July, 1957	Westminster	Rev. A. T. Taylor
Sept., 1957	Plaza	Rev. Ben F. Moore
Jan., 1958	Badin Church	Rev. W. B. McSwain
April, 1958	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Jas. R. Cook
July, 1958	Central Steele Creek	Rev. Robert Turner
Sept., 1958	Camp Stewart	Rev. J. S. Garner
Jan., 1959	Biscoe Church	Rev. J. E. Wayland, Jr.
April, 1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Yandle
July, 1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept., 1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan., 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Forgartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct., 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
Apr., 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct. 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan. 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hildebrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan., 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct., 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
Apr., 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
Apr., 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct. 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb., 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Boyd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb. 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.

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SEPTEMBER 26, 1972

4th Stated Meeting
DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DAVIDSON, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 28, 1972

Next Stated Meeting
PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PAW CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 27, 1973

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Charlotte, North Carolina
March 23, 1971

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Charlotte, North Carolina
September 26, 1972

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Davidson, North Carolina
November 28, 1972

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Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
Paw Creek, North Carolina
February 27, 1973

DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY (NEW)

1973

Officers Of The Presbytery:

Gene A. Cathey (Sardis), Moderator of November Meeting, 6851 Ronda Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Marcus B. Prince, III, Moderator of September Meeting, Rt. 3—Box 433, Pineville, N. C. 28134

J. Cecil Lawrence, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk (April, 1973), P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28201

Treasurer: Calvin B. Baird, P. O. Box 4346, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C., 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—Robert Turner (3), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Graeme M. Keith (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr., Chairman, 1015 Habersham Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

1973—Herbert H. Browne, Jr. (Charlotte First)

1974—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale) (Chm.)

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Robert J. James, Chairman, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28073

Ministers

1973—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1973—Charles L. Kirby
1974—Robert J. James (Chm.)
1975—Russell M. Kerr
1975—Thornton W. Tucker

Elders

1973—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity)
1973—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1974—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)
1974—James H. Barnhardt (Covenant)
1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, 1402 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1973—Zane M. Moore
1973—Charles C. Cowsert (Chm.)
1974—John E. Smylie
1974—J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.
1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Elders

1973—Harry D. Watson (Amity)
1973—John E. Boyd (Sardis)
1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1974—Alfred Canon (Myers Park)
1974—W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon)
1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Ave.)

2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1973—Eugene P. Poe
1973—Henry S. Robinson
1974—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. (Chm.)
1974—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Robert H. Ramey, Jr.
1975—Kenneth P. Craig

Elders

1973—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1973—Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Ave.)
1974—Frontis W. Johnston, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1974—Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant)
1975—William O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Glenn D. Hunt (Cook's Memorial)

A. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Horace E. Stoessel, Chairman, 1000 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1973—H. E. Stoessel (Chm.)
1974—A. Rudolph Hendricks
1975—Robert O. Freeman

Elders

1973—M. E. Alexander (Christ)
1974—James M. Painter (Paw Creek)
1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman, Route 9—Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1973—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh (Chm.)
1974—W. M. Boyce
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe

Lay Members

1973—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale)
1974—Roland M. Smith (Christ)
1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1973—Joseph F. Condro
1973—W. C. Rhodes
1973—James W. Eller
1973—Joe P. Arnold
1974—Laura I. Buzard
1974—David C. Kennedy
1974—Glenn L. Hill
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1975—M. B. Prince, III

Lay Members

1973—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)
1973—Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First)
1973—William L. Anderson (Sardis)
1973—Miss Peggy Barnes (Covenant)
1973—Samuel T. Cornwell (Westminster)
1974—Mrs. Morgan Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)
1974—John M. McCaskill (Sardis)
1974—John M. Baughman (Covenant)
1974—Samuel G. Weir (Carmel)
1974—H. H. Blackwell (Calvary)
1975—Anthony S. Abbott, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1975—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry)
1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, P. O. Box 17654, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers

1973—Walter D. Clark
1974—J. Arthur Beard (Chm.)
1975—Thomas J. Nash, III

Lay Members

1973—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant)
1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)

2. Strategy and Research

Randolph Norton, Chairman, 5201 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers

1973—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1973—James E. Fogartie
1974—Leonard H. Bullock
1974—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1975—E. T. Thompson, Jr.
1975—Carl T. Uzzell

Lay Members

1973—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1973—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1974—A. Walton Litz (Myers Park)
1974—Randolph Norton (Sardis) (Chm.)
1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)

3. Deployment and Sustentation of Churches

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1973—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1973—Robert S. Maclin, III
1974—Joe E. Stowe
1974—James E. Ratchford
1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
1975—George L. Ducker

Lay Members

1973—William T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1973—W. Harvey Morrison, Jr. (Monroe First)
1974—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)
1974—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1975—Carl Dumford (Caldwell Memorial)
1975—Leroy Morrison (Westminster)

4. Specialized Ministry

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1973—Leonard W. Topping (Chm.)
1973—Robert W. Rayburn
1974—Friedrich Schilling
1974—Glenn B. Robinson
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1975—A. J. Morrison

Lay Members

1973—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1974—W. E. Moss (Hopewell)
1974—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1975—James Branden (Sharon)
1975—Harvey Poole (Williams Memorial)
1975—Howard S. White (Hopewell)

5. World Missions

A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman, 2325 Pender Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1973—F. A. Mathes
1974—Eldon D. Wadsworth
1975—G. Carswell Hughs

Lay Members

1973—A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Chm.) (Charlotte First)
1974—Mrs. Emmett Crook (Covenant)
1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1973—W. A. Dysard, Jr. (Unexpired term)
1973—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
1974—Robert J. James
1974—Zane M. Moore
1975—Thomas W. MacLean
1975—Oliver W. Carmichael

Lay Members

1973—Olson Huff, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1974—Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Ave.)
1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1975—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1402 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1973—William D. Morton
1974—Frank C. Wilkinson
1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)

Lay Members

1973—Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1974—John E. Butler (Amity)
1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Charles E. S. Kraemer, Chairman, 1205 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond, Va. 23227

Ministers

1973—H. Louis Patrick
1974—Charles E. S. Kraemer (Chm.)
1975—Earl R. MacCormac

Lay Members

1973—J. Price Robinson (Commonwealth-Eastminster)
1974—Miss Ann Caldwell (Myers Park)
1975—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)

2. Worship

James A. Cannon, Chairman, P. O. Box 26193, Charlotte, N. C., 28213

Ministers

1973—Richard C. Brand, Jr.
1974—James A. Cannon (Chm.)
1975—Robert S. Hough

Lay Members

1973—Mrs. Olson Huff (Forest Hill)
1974—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1975—G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Avenue)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home Of Charlotte, Inc.

1973—John A. Tate, Sr. (Davidson College)
1974—John D. Hicks (Covenant)
1975—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)

Inter Church Action Board

Ministers

1975—A. Rudolph Hendricks
1975—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.

Lay Members

1975—F. Wayne Lee, M.D. (Myers Park)
1975—Mrs. H. R. Hrabanek (Providence)
1975—James Dennis Rash (Charlotte First)
1975—Phillip McKinnon (Plaza)
1975—William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park)
1975—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)

Special Committee on Staff Priorities

James E. Fogartie, Chairman, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, N. C., 28207

Robert F. Stokes, Roy W. Coker, Neil C. Leach, F. A. Mathes, Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue), William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park), Arthur Jones (Selwyn Avenue), Fred McCallum (Monroe First)

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Mrs. Hugh Verner (Myers Park), Miss Ruth Farrior (Charlotte First), A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Charlotte First), Mrs. Ira Schmidt, Mrs. Charles Evans, T. A. Little, Jr., R. W. Rayburn, Mrs. James R. Scruggs, Douglas W. Oldenburg.

Committee to Edit Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Robert Turner, Chairman, 200 West Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

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Women of The Church President—

Mrs. T. W. Stinson, Jr., 5408 Dunstan Ct., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Men of the Church President—

Charles A. Hunter, Shopton Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Presbyterian Ministers Association President—

J. Arthur Beard, P. O. Box 17654, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	
J. C. Grier, H.R.	
M. B. Prince, Jr., H.R.	
Roy F. Whitley, H.R.	
Charles E. S. Kraemer	President PSCE
Warner L. Hall	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean	Avondale
John A. Carriker, H.R.	
Roy E. Hoke, H.R.	
David E. Wilkinson	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper	Pageland, Salem
Russell M. Kerr	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	
W. G. Workman	(Professor) Davidson College
Robert Turner	Synod Director C.E.
Fred C. Holder	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	
Leighton S. Ford	Evangelist
G. E. Dixon	W. H. Belk
James E. Fogartie	Myers Park
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	
J. Cecil Lawrence	General Presbyter and Stated Clerk
Robert S. Woodson, H.R.	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	
Daniel L. Durway	Graduate Student
David G. Boyce	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	Director of Child Care, Alexander Children's Center
Charles Betts Huntley	Foreign Missionary
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	Sugaw Creek
John H. McVay	
John M. Handley	
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping	Charlotte First (Associate)
J. Arthur Beard	Westminster (Associate)
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe	Westminster
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Myers Park (Associate)
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	
Paul W. Beazley	Graduate School
Paul A. Horne	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith	Turner, Siler

ROLL OF MINISTERS	Church
Eldon D. Wadsworth	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Walter D. Clark	Inter-Church Action
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third
Charles M. Murray	Graduate School
Oliver W. Carmichael	Sharon
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
David C. Kennedy	Matthews
Robert J. James	Paw Creek
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Chaplain
A. Leslie Thompson	Clanton Memorial (Stated Supply)
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	Selwyn Avenue
Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
James N. Biggers	Badin
Henry S. Robinson	Memorial
Carl T. Uzzell	St. John
John E. Smylie	President Queens College
E. T. Thompson, Jr.	Forest Hill
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
Wilbur D. Kuenzli	Plaza (Associate)
James A. Cannon	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	
John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	Ridgecrest
H. E. Stoessel	Covenant (Assistant)
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	Providence
Richard C. Brand, Jr.	Trinity (Associate)
Neil C. Leach	ACTS
Robert S. Maclin, III	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey	Professor
Roy W. Coker	Pleasant Hill
Joseph F. Condro	Graduate School
Joe E. Stowe	Monroe, First
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	Professor, Queens College
Raeford Rodney Love	Benton Heights
Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash	Walkersville

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	Newell
F. A. Mathes	Huntersville
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah
James W. Eller	Robinson
W. C. Rhodes	Sharon (Assistant)
Joe P. Arnold	Sardis (Associate)
Thomas B. Tyndall	Thomasboro (Assistant)
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
Miss Laura Buzard	Minister To Students, Presbyterian Hospital
T. A. Little, Jr.	St. Andrews
A. J. Morrison	Third (Associate)
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
James H. Shackelford	Graduate School
Charles N. Clegg	Sugaw Creek (Associate)
Robert O. Freeman	Commonwealth-Eastminster
David S. Templeton, Jr.	Myers Park (Assistant)
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Hunter R. Hill	Commonwealth-Eastminster (Assistant)
Earl R. MacCormac	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Assistant)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
R. Thomas Cheely	Locust
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell	Executive Secretary—General Council
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
Arthur S. Gatewood	Albemarle First (Associate)
William B. Ward	Covenant (Assistant)

Total Ministers 135

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

James Craig Butler, Louisville Seminary, Amity Church

William B. Carr, Jr., Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Wayne G. Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

David T. Fisher, Boligee, Ala., Cameronian Church

Shirley Ann Gilliam, Union Seminary, New York, Covenant Church

Scott Cureton Girard, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Benny Eugene Gurley, Louisville Seminary, Mulberry Church

Gerald B. Hurst, Union Seminary, Philadelphia Church

Charles F. Klotzberger, Union Seminary, Sharon Church

George H. Kuykendall, Jr., Covenant Church

Stephen H. Marion, Navy, Amity Church

Timothy Derr Mayes, U. N. C.—Charlotte, Ramah Church

David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Robert Lee Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Carmel Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Thomas K. Pettus, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Donald Eric Stroud, Princeton, Christ Church

Alan Maurice Wentz, Richmond, Va., Amity Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

Robert C. Wilson, Belhaven College, Locust Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

CANDIDATE FOR LAY SERVICE

Eleanor Anne Pepi, Princeton Theological Seminary, Myers Park Church

A Convocation For Organization New Presbytery Of Mecklenburg

(No. 2)

Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
March 23, 1971

The Presbytery assembled at 2:00 P. M. by request of Russell M. Kerr, who is under appointment as Moderator to take the initial step of organization of a New Presbytery by the Commission appointed by the Synod of North Carolina, to effect a realignment of Presbyteries within the Synod.

Prayer was offered by Marcus B. Prince, Jr.

The hymn, "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" was sung.

A quorum was declared present, and the Call for the Meeting was found in order.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to prepare the Enrollment on the basis of attendance cards left at the tables.

ENROLLMENT: The following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Joe P. Arnold, J. A. Beard, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Miss Laura Buzard, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, Oliver W. Carmichael, John A. Carriker, Charles W. Coats, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Joseph F. Condro, Edward B. Cooper, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. Brett Fenwick, James E. Fogartie, John Frank Foy, J. S. Garner, Warner L. Hall, John M. Handley, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, Q. N. Huneycutt, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, A. M. Keith, David C. Kennedy, J. Renwick Kennedy, Jr., Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., W. D. Kuenzli, John C. Laughlin, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, T. A. Little, Jr., R. R. Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Thomas W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, F. A. Mathes, F. R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., Alexander J. McKelway, Carl S. Miller, G. Curtis Moore, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Thomas J. Nash, III, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Eugene P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert H. Ramey, Jr., J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Henry S. Robinson, J. S. Russell, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., H. Howard Smith, Horace E. Stoessel, E. Lee Stoffel, Joe E. Stowe, A. Leslie Thompson, Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Thomas B. Tyndall, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson.

RULING ELDERS: Jim Sifford, Albemarle First; O. B. Campbell, Albemarle Road; Lewis Price, Amay James; T. H. Donaldson, Amity;

G. D. Aitken, Avondale; C. M. Snyder, W. H. Belk; A. B. Bradley, Jr., Benton Heights; Breint Haigler, Bethlehem; E. W. Flowers, Caldwell Memorial; J. Lloyd Baker, Jr., Central Steele Creek; T. M. Mayfield, Jr., Charlotte First; N. J. Owens, Christ; Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, Clanton Memorial; L. D. Berryhill, Sr., Commonwealth-Eastminster; M. B. Dunn, Cook's Memorial; E. W. Shackelford, George E. McCachren, J. Harry Weatherly, Covenant; James B. Woods, Jr., Davidson College; Robert M. Whitesell, East; G. T. Brown, First Union; Bill McCoy, Hickory Grove; Angus R. Shaw, Jr., Hopewell; E. F. Kumm, Huntersville; Rafe Williams, Indian Hill; Kenneth C. Gantz, Indian Trail; Thomas J. Cooper, Johnston Memorial; R. L. Smith, Locust; Craven Thomas, Mallard Creek; J. W. Russell, Matthews; J. Ross Kistler, McGee; J. C. Reid, McQuay; Van D. Crutchfield, Memorial; M. B. Honeycutt, Monroe First; William Potts, Mulberry; Douglas W. Booth, Rufus K. Allison, A. Grant Whitney, Myers Park; Bill Prophet, Newell; Ted Campbell, Paw Creek; James E. Harper, Philadelphia; Roy A. Whitley, Sr., Plaza; Joe R. Hudson, Providence; L. S. Miller, Quail Hollow; R. H. Starnes, Robinson; L. Wayne McCoy, Sardis; R. E. White, St. Andrews; John C. Robelot, St. Giles; Gerald W. King, Sr., St. John; I. A. Jones, Selwyn Avenue; Mrs. Reid A. Brown, Sharon; Mrs. Effie Everette, Smallwood; Harold P. Garrison, Steele Creek; James C. Simpson, Stephenson; Ervin J. Rust, Sugaw Creek; E. W. DeArmon, Jr., Third; J. W. Wray, Thomasboro; C. E. Moore, Trinity; C. H. Shelton, Wadesboro; T. R. Nisbet, Waxhaw; C. C. Duncan, Westminster; Don Brown, Williams Memorial.

Russell M. Kerr was elected Moderator of this meeting.

J. Cecil Lawrence was elected Stated Clerk.

The Docket was adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Convening Prayer
2. Enrollment
3. Election of Moderator
4. Election of Clerk
5. Communication from Mecklenburg Presbytery
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

The communication from Mecklenburg Presbytery was presented with special recommendations considered seriatim. The paper as amended was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the name of the New Presbytery (No. II) be "Mecklenburg Presbytery".
2. That calls be extended by the New Presbytery to all employed personnel of the present Mecklenburg Presbytery on the same basis, terms and conditions as currently prevail in their relationship to Mecklenburg Presbytery.
3. That all arrangements for office space, equipment, contracts for use of equipment, obligations entered into and all related matters be approved and continued by the New

Presbytery or until such a time as changed by the New Presbytery.

4. That the currently approved Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, with any necessary revisions, be adopted by the New Presbytery and that the Committee on Editing the Manual be empowered and asked to make the necessary changes in the Manual so as to make it conform with the structure of the New Presbytery.
5. That all councils, commissions, committees, trustees, officers and special committees now under appointment by Mecklenburg Presbytery be established in the same relationship in the New Presbytery insofar as this is possible. That adequate consideration be given to officers and members of churches not presently a part of Mecklenburg Presbytery in filling vacancies occurring in the structure of the New Presbytery due to the removal of the churches in Richmond and Montgomery Counties from the group comprising the New Presbytery.
6. That the official list (prepared by this commission) of Teaching Elder Members of Mecklenburg Presbytery who are not pastors of particular churches be included as members of the New Presbytery.

The report as a whole as amended was adopted.

By common consent, the Minutes of this Meeting will be included as a preface to the Minutes of the first Meeting of the New Presbytery.

A motion by John M. Handley prevailed that the Commission on Boundaries of Presbytery be requested to explore every possible means to avoid the legal expenses involved in the transfer of boundaries.

The Moderator on behalf of Presbytery expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended by the Myers Park Church, and the services of Mr. Robert Stigall, Director of Music.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

Adjournment was with prayer offered by J. S. Russell, Jr.

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

Thomas C. Bryan
Permanent Clerk Pro-Tem

The Third Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New)

Alexander Children's Center
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 26, 1972

The Presbytery met at 9:00 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator, Marcus B. Prince, Jr., with prayer, following which the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" was sung.

The Moderator brought a devotional message from the text, Jeremiah 37:17b, "Is There Any Word From The Lord?"

A quorum was declared present.

Eugene P. Poe, on behalf of the Commission on the Minister and His Work and the Presbytery, presented to Marcus B. Prince, Jr. the customary plaque, given to all honorably retired ministers, in recognition and appreciation of 43 years as a Minister of the Word, all of these years having been spent in this Presbytery.

Memorials were presented and adopted as follows: to William Jerome Huneycutt by Thomas C. Bryan and to Grover Curtis Moore by Joe E. Stowe. A prayer for God's comforting presence with the survivors of these brethren was voiced by Q. N. Huneycutt.

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM JEROME HUNEYCUTT

The Rev. William Jerome Huneycutt—beloved husband, father, brother and brother in Christ, an honorably retired member of Mecklenburg Presbytery—passed peacefully over the threshold into eternal life in the Cabarrus County Hospital, N. C., July 6, 1972. He was an octogenarian, born in Stanfield, N. C., June 23, 1890, the third of four sons of Eli M. H. and Temperance Jerome Smith Huneycutt. He was descended from a family who loved God and who were spiritually attuned to His calls. This was evident from the fact that all four sons felt the call to preach the Gospel—the eldest, T. B. Huneycutt, was ordained to the Methodist ministry and served many years in that Church; the other three were Presbyterian, the youngest, Theodore F., a member of this Presbytery who served his entire ministry in it. He died in 1944. The two middle sons—Jerome, or "W. J." and Quincy —left home together to attend Davidson College.

Desiring to be prepared to preach the Gospel in the shortest possible time, they left Davidson after three years and matriculated, simultaneously, at the University of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary. They were graduated from both institutions—A. B. from the University and Certificates from the Seminary.

The brothers were ordained four months apart, in 1921; Quincy, by Mecklenburg Presbytery, and Jerome by Bethel Presbytery to become pastor of the Great Falls, S. C. Church. He was next the assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, N. C., and stated supply of the S. Fayetteville, Sunnyside and Comfort Churches.

After another pastorate of 11 years, this time at the Church of the Pines at Laurel Hill, N. C., and two years at Blackstock, Cornwall, and Concord Churches, he moved to Mecklenburg Presbytery in 1949. He was eighth in seniority on its roll at the time of his death. He served the Bethany and Altan Churches before being Honorably Retired by a grateful Presbytery in 1959. The Bethany and Altan people remember him for his "unfailing dedication to them, his faith in, and care for, their people, his concern for the community but, most of all, for his love for his Lord and His Cause." One member of the Altan Churches says this of him, "He was one of the finest Christians I have ever known."

When one comes to estimate the life and ministry of our friend it may be said that the whole truth of God came into focus in him, and his passion was always the preaching of the Word. He was concerned that all men should know the truth that sets them free, and that the Church reflect that truth clearly. He daily and lovingly read, studied, and memorized the Scriptures. His sermons were thoughtful and meaty, as they explored the impact of God's truth on human lives.

To those who saw the daily sacrifices made by him by his dedication—the weariness, the frequent frustration, the unsung (and often unrecognized) victories, the rejection of success, or even comfort in worldly terms—he would reply, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." He wasted no time looking back.

Our fellow-Presbyter both lived out his faith as well as proclaimed it. His social and civic concerns were many. During days of economic depression his errands of mercy were unlimited as he ministered to those in distress, providing fuel, food, and medicines. He took a positive stand against corruption in government on all levels. He helped organize, and served as first President, of a group organized to promote community action.

As a Pastor he was available to any in need—a responsive marriage counsellor, and a wise and understanding helper of disturbed children. He is held in grateful memory by many as a comforter of the sick and the grieved. He freely gave of his musical ability to improving the music in his churches, and of his artistic talent to making posters aimed at teaching truth through "the eye-gate". He gave of his executive skills to the upgrading and promotion of stewardship for the whole of life.

"W. J."—as he was familiarly known, found his bride in the historic old Rehoboth church, Waxhaw, when he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Jessie Sims on March 4, 1924. It was to be their joy to work together in the service of the King in a beautiful partnership for 48 years. She survives him to cherish many sacred memories. One sister, Mrs. Jennie H. Huneycutt, also survives, and one brother, already referred to. The surviving children, three sons and one daughter, follow in the footsteps of the inspiring example of their Godly parents. They are: Dr. Milicent, former missionary to Korea, and now Professor of English at Pfeiffer College; Carolyn, now Mrs. Curtis Basham; W. Jerome, Jr., and Margaret, now Mrs. Van Richardson.

To these and all other relatives the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, New, would extend its sympathy as it places this Memorial in its records, praying for God's comforting presence, and giving thanks to God for the life and service of a faithful Presbyter, gentle Puritan, friend of God and man, and devoted servant of Jesus Christ.

—Thomas C. Bryan

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND GROVER CURTIS MOORE

The Reverend Grover Curtis Moore died at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Friday, August 25, 1972.

He was born September 4, 1914 in Antioch, North Carolina, the son of Grover Cleveland Moore and Lessie Lee Thompson Moore. He was married to Marybelle Flow of Lancaster, South Carolina, on May 19, 1935 in Lancaster, South Carolina. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Coleen) Hill of Monroe, North Carolina; two sons, Larry Curtis Moore of Mount Holly, North Carolina and Brooks Franklin Moore of Kannapolis, North Carolina; five grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland Moore of Indian Trail, North Carolina; two sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Query of Matthews, North Carolina and Mrs. Mary Frances Keene of Jacksonville, Florida; four brothers, James Moore, Douglas Moore, Mitchell Moore of Indian Trail, North Carolina, and Leon Moore of Monroe, North Carolina.

Reverend Mr. Moore was educated in the schools of Indian Trail, North Carolina. During World War II he served in the Armored Division, 45th Tank Battalion, from May 15, 1944 thru February 28, 1946. He attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia from 1954-1957. He was licensed July 19 and ordained by Bethel Presbytery July 21, 1957. His first pastorate was the Beth Shiloh Church in York, South Carolina from 1957-1965. He was pastor of the Mt. Zion, St. Charles, and Lynchburg Churches from 1965-1969. He was installed as pastor of the Stephenson and Unionville Presbyterian Churches in Union County on Sunday, November 2, 1969. His pastoral relationship with the Unionville Church was dissolved on December 31, 1970 and he continued as pastor of the Stephenson Church until his death.

Funeral services were held in the Benton Heights Presbyterian Church in Monroe, North Carolina on Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. by Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence, The Reverend R. R. Love, and The Reverend A. Jackson Morrison. Burial was in Lakeland Memorial Park in Monroe.

The Reverend Mr. Moore gave up a prosperous business career to enter into the Gospel Ministry. He was a devoted pastor who loved God and man. Although his ministry was short in terms of years, the many lives that he touched with his gentleness and devoted compassion will long remember him as truly a servant of God who is at home in the presence of his God.

Joe E. Stowe

Visiting brethren from other Presbyteries and Ruling Elders attending this Court for the first time were presented and welcomed.

Marcus B. Prince, III, Moderator-in-Nomination, was elected Moderator by acclamation and accepted the gavel from his father.

Enrollment was taken, and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, W. M. Boyce, Richard

C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Laura Buzard, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, Oliver W. Carmichael, R. Thomas Cheely, Walter D. Clark, Charles N. Clegg, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, J. F. Condro, Edward B. Cooper, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Hunter R. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, A. Merrell Keith, David C. Kennedy, Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, W. D. Kuenzli, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. A. Little, Jr., R. R. Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, F. R. McAlister, Sr., Neely McCarter, A. G. McInnis, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, William B. McSwain, Robert S. Maclin, James S. Mann, F. A. Mathes, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. J. Morrison, W. D. Morton, Thomas J. Nash, III, Douglas W. Oldenburg, Robert S. Owens, Jr., H. L. Patrick, E. P. Poe, Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert H. Ramey, Jr., J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, W. C. Rhodes, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, John E. Smylie, H. E. Stoessel, Joe E. Stowe, David S. Templeton, Jr., A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Thomas B. Tyndall, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, Edward C. Wilson, Robert S. Woodson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Charles C. Cowsert, G. E. Dixon, Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., Zane M. Moore, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Carl Uzzell, Neil C. Leach, Earl R. MacCormac, Lewis W. Bledsoe, J. E. Wayland, Jr.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: E. T. Thompson, Jr., W. B. H. Corkey, John M. Handley, J. Dan Zeluff, W. G. Workman.

RULING ELDERS: James Sifford, Albemarle First; Lewis Price, Amay James; Robert A. Stephenson, Jr., Amity; A. M. Farris, Avondale; Mrs. Bonnie Terry, Benton Heights; Ira H. Helms, Bethlehem; J. Oscar Gant, Calvary; Reece Little, Caldwell Memorial; Pete Williams, Carmel; Ralph L. Young, Central Steele Creek; Edgar Kornegay, Paul Mann, Charlotte First; Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, Clanton Memorial; M. E. Alexander, Christ; Richard F. Rozzelle, Cook's Memorial; G. C. Freeman, Commonwealth-Eastminster; W. Ray Cunningham, S. Russell Mickle, Hobart Walker, Carleton N. Whilden, Covenant; Malcolm Lester, Davidson College; Riley Morton, Jr., First Union; W. M. Barnette, Hopewell; C. H. Smith, Huntersville; John W. Nance, Indian Hill; Bruce E. Stinson, Indian Trail; Dan Lamon, Johnston Memorial; Henry Howie, Lee Park; Raymond Parnell, Locust; George Deaton, Mallard Creek; Charles C. Hayes, McQuay; A. C. Deese, Memorial; Charles Norwood, Monroe First; Mrs. Robert Thomas, Morven; Joseph H. Sadler, Mulberry; Earl Arthurs, Richard A. Bigger, Jr., James C. Wilson, Myers Park; Melvin Love, Newell; Hubert L. Blalock, Norwood; Sammy Snipes, Pageland; W. Hall Harris, Paw Creek; H. B. Forbis, Jr., Robert B. Long, Philadelphia; Joseph E. Allen, Plaza; Jack L. Caldwell, Pleasant Hill; Joe W. Hattersley, Providence; Henry R. Williams, Quail Hollow; W. G. Barnhardt, Ramah; Walter Furr, Ridgecrest; John W. Brawley, Robinson; Shem Blackley, Moyer Ketchie, Charles Moss, Sardis; Ronald E. White, St. Andrews; Ceary R. Phipps, St. Giles; R. Belk Hovis, St. John; William L. Felts, Selwyn Avenue; David G. Martin, Jr., Seigle Avenue; Fleet Davis, Siler; Mrs. Helen Alston, South Tryon; James J. Bigger, Steele Creek; James C. Haywood, Stephenson; Mable Todd, Sugaw Creek; Ed Jackson, Kirk McLaughlin, Third; Ernest G. Davis, Samuel T. Perry, Thomasboro; Charles E. Moore, Trinity; Parks McCorkle, Turner; Charles Shelton, Wadesboro; Mitchell Tyson, Walkersville; J. W. Collins, Waxhaw; James B. Stegall, Jr., Westminster; James B. Morrow, Westover Hills; Ted Auten, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Albemarle Road, Altan, Badin, Banks, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Bethel, Beulah, Camden, Cornelius, Forest Hill, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, Marshville, Matthews, New Salem, Oakboro, Rehoboth, Salem, Smallwood, Unionville.

The invitation of the Davidson College and Calvary Churches for the next meeting of Presbytery in November was accepted with thanks.

The Docket, presented by Russell M. Kerr, Court Meetings Chairman, was amended, adopted and is as follows:

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship — M. B. Prince, Jr.
2. Memorials to: Reverend W. J. Huneycutt—Thomas C. Bryan—Reverend G. Curtis Moore—Joe E. Stowe
3. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
4. Election of Moderator, Marcus B. Prince, III, Moderator Nominee
5. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings) Russell M. Kerr, Chairman
6. Report of Committee on Arrangements—Glenn B. Robinson
7. Appointment of Standing Committees
8. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)

Recess: 10:15 A. M.—10:30 A. M.

9. Alexander Children's Center (Special Order 10:30 A. M.—10:50 A. M.)
10. Report of the Division of the Elders and Professional Personnel: 10:50 A. M.—12:30 P. M.
    1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations—Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman (Special Order)
    2. Commission on the Minister and His Work, Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman

Recess for Lunch: 12:30 P. M.—1:30 P. M.

11. Presbytery's Council
12. Nomination of Moderator (First Order after Lunch)
13. Interpretations Committee—Robert Turner, Chairman (Second Order after Lunch 30 minutes)
14. World Missions Committee, A. T. Trimble, Jr., Chairman (5 minutes)
15. Report of Personnel Committee—Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Chairman
16. Hunger Committee, Douglas W. Oldenburg (3:15-3:30 P. M.)
17. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly, J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman
18. "Ad Interim" Committee to study the Biblical Doctrine of Sabbath—J. Arthur Beard, Chairman

Recess: 3:30 P. M.—3:45 P. M.

19. Commissions to be appointed
20. Report of Standing Committees and Resolution of Thanks
21. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
22. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was presented by the Chairman, Glenn B. Robinson, Director of Child Care of the Center, who introduced Mr. James R. Nisbet, President of the Board of Managers, who welcomed the Court.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE

A. Jackson Morrison, Chairman
A. Rudolph Hendricks
Warner L. Hall
Mrs. Helen Alston
James B. Morrow
H. B. Forbis, Jr.

BILLS AND OVERTURES

M. B. Prince, Jr., Chairman
John B. Rogers, Jr.
Russell M. Kerr
Robert B. Long
Joe W. Hattersley
Moyer Ketchie

TELLERS

Robert S. Hough, Chairman
Frank Wilkinson
Robert C. Benson
Herbert L. Blalock
Mrs. Dorothy Hunter
Malcolm Lester

Charles L. Kirby, representing the Area Clergy Association, made announcement concerning two events which was received as information. Mr. Kirby also conveyed a request from the Committee On Church Union that Ministers and Elders study the Plan and write the Committee their comments.

T. W. Tucker called attention to the nation-wide interdenominational effort in Evangelism — Key '73 — and requested the Sessions to study the plans and set goals in their respective churches. This was received as information.

John M. Handley requested that he be replaced as Chairman of Presbytery's Council and that he be replaced as a member of the Council. Presbytery granted his request.

Presbytery elected Robert J. James to serve as Chairman of Presbytery's Council through 1972.

A resolution from the Robinson Church was presented and the motion prevailed referring it to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following Minutes of Commissions for Installations were presented and admitted to record:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT C. BENSON, AS PASTOR OF THE LEE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1972 AT 4:45 P.M.

The Commission met on May 28, 1972 at 4:30 P. M. Commission members present were: Ministers: J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman; T. Duke Williams, Q. N. Huneycutt. Ruling Elders: Roy Whitley, D. B. Gettys, John Williams.

The Commission Meeting was opened with prayer by T. Duke Williams. D. B. Gettys was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. T. Duke Williams read the Scripture and Roy Whitley had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by T. Duke Williams on the topic/text: Jude 21: "The Darkness and Light of the Church".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Lee Park Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Robert C. Benson had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Lee Park Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Q. N. Huneycutt.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by D. B. Gettys.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by John Williams.

D. B. Gettys
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR GEORGE L. DUCKER AS PASTOR OF THE WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1972 AT 5:00 P.M.

The Commission met on June 25, 1972 at 4:30 P. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman; James A. Dewey (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service), James E. Fogartie, and Oliver W. Carmichael. RULING ELDERS: Harry M. Boyd, William S. McClelland, Jr., and Mrs. Eloise Stilwell.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Harry M. Boyd. Mrs. Eloise Stilwell was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. James A. Dewey read the Scripture and James E. Fogartie had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by James A. Dewey on the text, Colossians 3:12-17.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Westover Hills Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that George L. Ducker had been regularly elected, Ordained and Installed as Pastor of the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by James E. Fogartie.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Oliver W. Carmichael.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by William S. McClelland, Jr.

Eloise Stilwell
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR R. THOMAS CHEELY AS PASTOR OF THE LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1972 AT 7:30 P. M.

The Commission met on July 9, 1972 at 7:00 P. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman; Leonard H. Bullock and W. M. Boyce. RULING ELDERS: Raymond Parnell, Joe Clontz and David Lockwood, Jr.

The Commission Meeting was opened with prayer by W. M. Boyce. Leonard H. Bullock was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Joe Clontz read the Scripture and David Lockwood, Jr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Leonard H. Bullock on the topic, “The Glorious Gospel of Christ”.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Locust Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that R. Thomas Cheely had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Locust Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by W. M. Boyce.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Raymond Parnell.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Leonard H. Bullock.

Leonard H. Bullock
Secretary

The Certificate of Dismissal of Candidate Arthur S. Gatewood from Fayetteville Presbytery was presented and he was enrolled as a Candidate in this Presbytery.

Certificates of Dismissal were received from Orange Presbytery for C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.; from National Capital Union Presbytery for G. Carswell Hughs; and from Westminster Presbytery for Lawrence I. Stell.

Commissions to install the above named Ministers were read and approved, pending their examination and reception.

Commission Appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install G. Carswell Hughs As Pastor Of the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina On Sunday, October 29, 1972 At 5:00 P. M.

Ministers:

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman.
Douglas W. Oldenburg, To preach the Sermon.
Robert H. Ramey, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.
James E. Fogartie, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.
J. Cecil Lawrence, To propound the Constitutional Questions.
Warner L. Hall, Prayer.

Ruling Elders:

Joseph W. Grier, Jr., (Charlotte First).
A. Ward McKeithen, (Charlotte First).
Charles R. Willard, (Charlotte First).
Frontis W. Johnston, (Davidson College).
Dean W. Colvard, (Covenant).
A. Walton Litz, (Myers Park).

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Install C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. As Pastor Of The First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina, On Sunday, October 8, 1972 At 11:00 A. M.

Ministers:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.
Charles C. Cowsert, To preach the Sermon.
Robert Turner, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Ruling Elders:

Herbert Hildreth
William H. Wildermuth
James R. Nisbet, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

The following motion by James E. Fogartie prevailed:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg endorses the Reverend Charles E. S. Kraemer as a nominee for Moderator of the 113th Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and that the

Presbytery request the Personnel Committee to place Dr. Kraemer's name in nomination as a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg to the 113th General Assembly.

As a special order, Mr. John W. Baughman, Director of Alexander Children's Center, presented the work of the Center by spoken word and visual aids. Received as information.

Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman of the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations, presented the following as seeking to be taken under the care of Presbytery as Candidates for the Ministry of the Word and the Sacraments: Thomas K. Pettus, Myers Park Church; Wayne G. Cole, St. Andrews Church; William B. Carr, Jr., Sardis Church; Robert C. Wilson, Locust Church. Each of these young men testified as to their personal religious life and motives for seeking the Ministry. The motion prevailed that the testimonies be approved and that they be enrolled as Candidates for the Ministry. The formal service for the reception of Candidates was conducted by the Moderator, and the reception was concluded with a prayer, and declaration of the Candidates' enrollment followed.

A charge to the Candidates was delivered by Thomas A. Little, Jr. The motion prevailed that the charge be duplicated and mailed to all Ministers.

Robert Turner introduced Mr. Vernol Robert Jansen, Jr., General Secretary of the Synod of North Carolina, and moved that he be invited to sit as a visiting brother and granted the privilege of the floor. The motion carried.

C. Linwood Cheshire, dismissed from Orange Presbytery and seeking admission into Mecklenburg Presbytery, was presented. He testified as to his personal religious experience and sense of call to the ministry. The Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations, having already examined Mr. Cheshire on other parts of the required examination, recommended that he be received as a member. Recommendation adopted and Mr. Cheshire was enrolled.

G. Carswell Hughs, dismissed from the National Capital Union Presbytery and seeking admission, was presented. He testified as to his personal religious experience and sense of call. Upon the motion, which prevailed, of the examining committee that his examination be sustained and that he be admitted into the Presbytery, Mr. Hughs was enrolled.

See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for the terms of the calls for Mr. Cheshire and Mr. Hughs.

Lawrence I. Stell, a member of Westminster Presbytery and dismissed to this Court, seeking re-admission, was presented. He gave testimony as to his personal faith and sense of call and desire to serve the Lord. His examination was sustained and the motion prevailed that he be enrolled again as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Chairman, and adopted.

To replace W. B. McGuire, Sr. (Myers Park) as a member of Presbytery's Council, Class of 1974, James H. Barnhardt (Covenant).

(The other vacancies relate to terms ending December 31, 1972. After consideration of each of these, the Personnel Committee recommends that these vacancies be left open until the November Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery at which time all vacancies will be filled.)

The World Missions Committee reporting through its Chairman, A. T. Trimble, Jr., brought information concerning two events: (1.) The coming of Reverend Frank Arnold of Korea, and of his availability as a speaker in churches November 27— December 1. (2.) The Witness and Mission Season with outstanding missionary speakers will be January 27-31, 1973. Received as information.

Mr. Arthur S. Gatewood, Candidate for the Ministry transferred from Fayetteville Presbytery, was presented as a Candidate for Ordination as a Minister of the Word and the Sacraments. Mr. Gatewood preached from the theme, "The Church Meeting Present Day Needs."

The Court recessed for Lunch at 12:45 P. M. and voted to extend the recess until 1:45 P. M. Prayer for God's blessing and thanksgiving was voiced by Eugene P. Poe.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Ruling Elder Gene A. Cathey of the Sardis Church was placed in nomination as Moderator-Nominee by T. W. Tucker to serve at the next Stated Meeting. He was nominated by acclamation.

The Committee on Interpretations was granted permission to defer reporting on its study of the constitutionality of a proposed plan to unite two churches until the next meeting of Presbytery.

(Clerk's Note: The request of Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. at the last meeting of the Presbytery did not get into the Minutes. This request remains as it was made and will be acted upon as stated above.)

The Chairman of the Committee on Interpretations, Robert Turner, presented speakers who outlined the plan to Restructure the General Assembly's organization as follows: Vernol Robert Jansen, Jr., Synod's Executive; Frank H. Caldwell and A. J. McKelway, Jr. Their comments were received as information.

Returning to the examination of Mr. Gatewood for Ordination, his sermon was voted as satisfactory. He gave testimony as to his personal religious experience and reasons for seeking the Ministry. This was sustained as satisfactory as were all other parts of trial which were conducted in accordance with the requirements for such. The examination of Mr.

Arthur S. Gatewood in its parts and as a whole being satisfactory, the motion prevailed that he be accepted for Ordination, this to be done by a Commission which will also install him as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, N. C.

Commission Appointed By Mecklenburg Presbytery To Ordain And Install Arthur S. Gatewood As Associate Pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, North Carolina On Sunday, October 22, 1972 At 11 A. M.

Ministers:

J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Neely McCarter, To preach the Sermon.

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Ruling Elders:

Ian Bryson, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor.

Clete Boone.

Guy Moose.

John M. Hunter (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the call to Mr. Gatewood.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was submitted by Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, and adopted as follows:

Since quorums of the Commission were not available for stated meetings in June (conflict with General Assembly Meeting) and August (members away on vacations), only the following actions can be reported to meet the deadline for reports to be duplicated (September 15) and sent to all members of Presbytery. A supplementary report has to be made to include actions of the Commission meeting of September 22.

1. The name of Rev. Swailem Sidhom, minister of the Egyptian Presbyterian Church residing in Charlotte, was approved for the list of ministers available for supply work.

2. Appropriation of $200 from the discretionary fund was authorized for a minister in need.

3. The pastoral relations of Reverend John C. Laughlin with Carmel Church were dissolved and he was dismissed to Montgomery Presbytery to accept a Call as General Presbyter.

4. Dr. William M. Boyce was approved as Moderator pro tempore of the Carmel Session and as Interim Supply for three months—July-September, 1972.

5. Approved terms of calls to ministers as follows:
   a. Albemarle First to Mr. Arthur Gatewood, Associate Pastor:
      Base Salary $7,200
      Car Allowance $1,000
      House Allowance $1,800
      Utilities
      M. A. F. 10%
      Group Life-Hospital Insurance
      Vacations: 1 month annually
      1 week end quarterly

b. Charlotte First to Dr. G. Carswell Hughs, Pastor:
Base Salary $15,000
House Allowance $325 month
Utilities
Car & $1,000 Allowance
M. A. F. 10%
Group Life-Hospital Insurance
Vacation: 1 month annually
Moving Expenses to Charlotte

c. Wadesboro First to Reverend C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Pastor:
Base Salary $8,500
Travel Allowance $1,000
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Utilities, except L. D. calls
Group Life-Hospital Insurance
Disability Insurance
M. A. F. 10%
Social Security Taxes
Moving expenses
Vacation: 1 month annually

Supplementing the actions of the Commission previously reported are the following:—

1. Re: McQuay Memorial Church:-
   a. Approval of requests of congregation and pastor that the pastoral relations with Rev. Charles Coats be dissolved as of Aug. 31, 1972.
   b. Dismissal of Mr. Coats with commendation to Albemarle Presbytery.
   c. Approval of Interim Ministry of Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr. for Sept.-Nov., '72, together with his appointment as Moderator of the Session.
2. Re: Covenant Church and Assistant Pastor, Rev. John M. Handley:-
   a. Approval of requests of Session and Asst. Pastor that the pastoral relations with Rev. John M. Handley be dissolved as of Sept. 30, 1972.
   b. Granting of request of Rev. John M. Handley for leave of absence for one year, with permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.
3. Re: Clanton Memorial Church and Stated Supply by Rev. A. Leslie Thompson:-
   a. Approval of request that Mr. Thompson continue to serve as Stated Supply for 1973.
   b. Continued appointment of him to serve as Moderator of the Session.
4. Re: Indian Hill Church and Stated Supply by Dr. Q. N. Huneycutt:-
   a. Approval of request that Dr. Huneycutt continue to serve as Stated Supply for 1973.
   b. Continued appointment of him to serve as Moderator of the Session.
5. Received reports on present and planned activities of ministers Paul Beazley, Dan Durway, John McVay, and Daniel Zeluff, and recommend to Presbytery that permission be renewed for them to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for another year.
6. Re: Carmel Church:-
   a. Approved request that Dr. Frank H. Caldwell serve an Interim Ministry for the month of October, '72, with authorization that such service be extended for a maximum of two additional months, if mutually agreeable.
   b. Appointed Dr. Frank H. Caldwell as Moderator of the Session.

7. Re: Williams Memorial Church:- That Rev. Kenneth Craig be appointed Moderator of the Session.

8. Re: Banks Church:- That Dr. W. M. Boyce be approved as Interim Minister and Moderator of the Session for three months —Oct.-Dec., 1972.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work was authorized to present the calls to C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., G. Carswell Hughs and Arthur S. Gatewood, with terms of the calls given in the Commission's Report. These Ministers signified their acceptance of the calls, and the Commissions to install them, named earlier, were authorized to proceed.

Douglas W. Oldenburg presented a report of the Task Force on Hunger. Received as information.

Notice was given of a dinner kicking off the Davidson College-Queens College Campaign on October 18, 1972. Received as information.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by Robert J. James. The recommendations of Council were taken up. These were amended and adopted as follows:

a. Business Fund Budget for 1973 in the amount of $105,725.02.

b. That Council propose final per capita tax at the November Meeting of Presbytery to meet the Budget.

c. That each local Session consider earnestly and sincerely its part in the work we do together at the Presbytery, Synod and Assembly level which is funded by the Benevolent giving of the local church. Though no quota for Benevolences will be presented to each local church, it is hoped that each church will strive toward and achieve a minimum of a 5% increase in giving over the prior year.

d. That each local church please inform the Budget and Finance Committee (F. B. O'Shields, Jr., 2027 Emerywood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28210) of the amount they expect to contribute to budgeted Benevolences in 1973. This information is needed by October 15 in order that the budget may be completed and presented at the November Presbytery meeting.

e. That, at the request of the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee, the attention of Presbytery be called to the September, 1972 issue of **Presbyterian Survey** (the article on page 39) concerning church officer development.

Some programs are being worked out, and any creative approaches that have been successfully developed would be useful to the task force. Such should be sent to Dr. John Rhea, Box 1176, Richmond, Virginia 23209.

The plan is for a fresh approach to church officer development to be ready by early 1973.

f. That the Reverend Douglas Oldenburg be appointed to serve on Presbytery's Committee on Hunger.

g. That Presbytery authorize a Communion Service to be held during the Youth Retreat at Bethelwood on October 15, 1972.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY BUSINESS FUND BUDGET
1973

	1972	1973
A. Office of General Presbyter and Stated Clerk		
1. General Presbyter — Stated Clerk		
Salary A. (Dr. Lawrence)	$ 9,750.00	$ 3,417.00
B. (New General Presbyter January 1)	—	12,000.00
House & Utility Allowance A.	3,100.00	1,200.00
B.	—	3,600.00
Travel Allowance A.	1,800.00	600.00
B.	—	2,400.00
M. A. F. A.	1,465.00	461.00
B.	—	1,560.00
Hospitalization A.	314.00	135.00
B.	—	407.00
2. Secretarial Help	6,300.00	6,804.00
Social Security	328.00	328.00
Hospitalization	125.00	125.00
Substitute Secretary	1,200.00	1,200.00
3. Discretionary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Postage, Materials	2,000.00	2,000.00
5. Phone	600.00	600.00
Total Expenses	$27,982.00	$ 37,837.00
B. General Presbytery Expenses		
General Assembly Assessment	$18,674.58	$ 36,919.32
Synod Assessment	18,239.13	19,492.65
Expenses of Hosting Presbytery	400.00	800.00
Printing and Mailing of Minutes	3,000.00	3,000.00
Parking, Staff Committees	600.00	600.00
Total Expenses	$40,913.71	$60,811.97
C. Office of Central Treasurer		
1. Baird — Salary	$ 1,680.00	$ 1,680.00
Social Security	87.36	87.36
2. Walsh — Salary	3,300.00	3,300.00
Social Security	171.60	171.60
Hospitalization	125.09	125.09
3. Rent	1,122.00	1,122.00
4. Phone	270.00	270.00
5. Postage, Supplies	320.00	320.00
Total Expenses	$7,076.05	$ 7,076.05
GRAND TOTAL	$75,971.76	$105,725.02

Walter D. Clark, Inter Church Action, concerned with ministering to neglected groups under interdenominational sponsorship but speaking as a member of the Institutional Ministries Committee, presented "A Call To Churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery For Christian Study and Volunteer Assistance in the Area of Adult and Juvenile Correction". This was received as information, and Presbytery ordered it duplicated and included with the mailing from Presbytery's Office.

The report of the Commissioners to the General Assembly of 1972 was made by the Chairman of the Commissioners, J.

Cecil Lawrence. It was received as information and the Commissioners were commended for their diligence.

The report of the Ad Interim Committee to Study the Biblical Doctrine of the Sabbath As Related to The Modern Culture in Which We Live was submitted by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard. It was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That all Christians are called upon to emphasize the divine institution of the Lord's Day, and to honor it according to the teachings of the Bible.

2. That the Christian Sabbath be emphasized as being God's way of providing for our spiritual and physical needs of rest, relaxation and worship, and that we set aside a definite time each Sunday to gather in corporate worship, and praise in our respective churches.

3. That we emphasize the fact that we live in an increasingly secular culture and it is our duty as Christians so to live and to set an example of Christian piety and love on the Sabbath day that the world may take note of our example and follow in our steps.

4. That this report, along with these conclusions and recommendations, be sent to all churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery and to the governing bodies of Mecklenburg, Union, Stanly and Anson Counties as well as the governing bodies of the Cities of Monroe, Albemarle, Wadesboro, and Charlotte for their information and serious consideration, and that this action be reported to the principal newspapers in the above named counties.

The Standing Committees reported as follows:

Bills and Overtures—Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Chairman, recommended that the Resolution from the Robinson Church with regard to the busing of school children be received as information, and that the Session of the Robinson Church be commended for the spirit and manner of said resolution;

Attendance — A. Jackson Morrison, Chairman. See Enrollment.

A report of the sub-committee on Resolutions of the Committee on Court Meetings was submitted by W. J. Morton and adopted.

"We are thankful to God for His blessings upon us for allowing us to serve Him in this day and time.

We are grateful to the Reverend M. B. Prince, Jr. for his forty-three years of service to God and His Church. In appreciation, the Presbytery presented a plaque to him upon his retirement. We thank him for his "Word From The Lord" from Jeremiah 37:17b.

We are grateful to the Staff and Management of the Alexander Children's Center for the opportunity to meet in this lovely setting and to see something of the work being done here. We appreciate the provision for our comfort, refreshments, and delicious dinner. We appreciate the presentation of the work of the Center giving us a better understanding of its ministry."

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

It was voted to adjourn, and the Court adjourned following the Benediction by the Moderator to meet at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church on November 21, 1972 at 9:00 A. M., with the Davidson College and Calvary Churches as co-hosts.

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

Thomas C. Bryan
Permanent Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Fourth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery (New)

Davidson College Presbyterian Church
Davidson, North Carolina
November 28, 1972

The Presbytery met for its first session to be held in its expanded territory, assembling at 9:00 A. M., and being called to order by the Moderator, Marcus B. Prince, III. The hymn of praise was "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation."

The Moderator read appropriate Scripture passages and preached on the theme, "The Crisis in Authority."

A quorum was declared present.

ENROLLMENT: The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: W. R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Laura I. Buzard, James A. Cannon, Oliver W. Carmichael, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Charles N. Clegg, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Joseph F. Condro, Edward B. Cooper, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr , G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, Arthur S. Gatewood, Warner L. Hall, John M. Handley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Hunter R. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, Robert J. James, A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, W. D. Kuenzli, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, T. A. Little, Jr., R. Rod Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, Robert S. Maclin, III, James S. Mann, Frank A. Mathes, F. R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, T. J. Nash, III, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Eugene P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert H. Ramey, Jr., James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Lawrence I. Stell, Joe E. Stowe, David S. Templeton, Jr., A. Leslie Thompson, E. T. Thompson, Jr., Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Thomas B. Tyndall, Carl F. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. Edwin Wayland, Jr., J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, W. G. Workman.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Joe P. Arnold, W. M. Boyce, R. Thomas Cheely, W. B. H. Corkey, James E. Fogartie, Fred C. Holder, C. Franklin Jacks, David C. Kennedy, Neely D. McCarter, T. W. MacLean.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Robert C. Benson, Walter D. Clark, Leighton Ford, Horace E. Stoessel.

RULING ELDERS: Bill Jolly, Albemarle; S. L. Holland, Albemarle Road; R. T. Howard, Amity; James H. Boyd, Gordon H. Rettke, Avondale; W. F. Frazier, Badin; Jack Linker, Benton Heights; Ira H. Helms, Bethlehem; Hartwell Graham, Caldwell Memorial; W. Eugene Hastings, Calvary; A. F. (Pete) Sloan, Carmel; F. M. Funderburk, Central Steele Creek; David Black, Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Charlotte First; E. D. Jackson, Charlotte Third; John O. Hawfield, Christ; H. N. Linder, Clanton Memorial; G. E. Midgett, Commonwealth-Eastminster; J. R. Thompson, Cooks Memorial; Charles W. Robinson, John McCachren, Mrs. John McCachren, Thomas W. Astin, Covenant; Malcolm Lester, Davidson College; Robert W. Whitesell, East; G. T. Brown, First Union; William F. McCoy, Hickory Grove; Reece Puckett, Hopewell; C. H. Smith, Huntersville; J. W. Morgan, Indian Hill; Richard K. Timmons, Indian Trail; T. J. Cooper, Johnston Memorial; Robert L. Smith, Locust; E. H. Baucom, Mallard Creek; J. William Russell, Matthews; Clarence B. Hoffman, Memorial; J. Ross Kistler, McGee; William H. Henderson, McQuay; William Brewer, Monroe; Henry C. Rhyne, Mulberry; Douglas W. Booth, Myers Park; Donald E. Beckwith, Newell; Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Norwood; Adrian S. Cathey, Paw Creek; Ralph E. Howell, R. Arthur Kelly, Philadelphia; Jack Boardman, Matthew Crowder, Plaza; W. B. Griffin, Pleasant Hill; Tom E. Rea, Providence; James T. Deal, Quail Hollow; Thomas C. Brown, Ramah; Sherman Tucker, Ridgecrest; Byron Luna, Robinson; W. A. Hough, St. Andrews; Aileen W. Garland, St. Giles; Howard Wilson, St. John; Gene A. Cathey, G. M. Ketchie, Charles A. Moss, Sardis; Mrs. Ray L. Gardner, Seigle Avenue; J. L. Haselden, Billie J. McFall, Selwyn Avenue; Robert B. Utsnan, Sharon; James Laney, Siler; Robert O. Byrum, Marvin D. Clark, Steele Creek; Guy D. Privette, Stephenson; Rufus Person, Wade Todd, Sugaw Creek; James A. Garner, Jasper H. Wilson, Thomasboro; Charles E. Moore, Trinity; George W. Simpson, Turner; David C. Parker, Wadesboro; H. D. McLaughlin, Waxhaw; James R. Henderson, Sr., W. A. McCorkle, Westminster; Ira Varble, Westover Hills; W. T. McConnell, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Pageland, Walkersville.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Amay James, Banks, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Bethel, Beulah, Camden, Forest Hill, Hawley Memorial, Lee Park, Marshville, Morven, New Salem, Oakboro, Rehoboth, Salem, Smallwood, South Tryon, Unionville.

The Moderator read the names of visitors registered and welcomed them on behalf of the Court. Ruling Elders attending their first Presbytery meeting were asked to stand and were welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Ruling Elder Gene A. Cathey of the Sardis Church, was elected Moderator by acclamation and accepted the gavel from the retiring Moderator.

The Docket was adopted as presented and amended by Russell M. Kerr, Chairman of Court Meetings Committee, and was as follows:

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Marcus B. Prince, III.
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren. Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time.
3. Election of Moderator—Ruling Elder Gene A. Cathey, Moderator Nominee.

4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings) Russell M. Kerr, Chairman.
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements — John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees: 1. Bills and Overtures 2. Attendance 3. Tellers.
   Recess: 10:15 A. M. - 10:30 A. M.
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees.) (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess.)
8. Report of Presbytery's Council—Robert J. James, Chairman (Report of Budget and Finance Committee—F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Chairman.)
9. Personnel Committee—Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Chairman.
10. Court Meetings—Russell M. Kerr, Chairman.
11. Interpretations—Robert Turner, Chairman
    From the Minutes of the 3rd Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery: "The Committee on Interpretations was granted permission to defer reporting on its study of the constitutionality of a proposed plan to unite two churches until the next meeting of Presbytery."
12. Worship—T. W. MacLean, Chairman.
13. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman.
    Recess for Lunch: 12:30 P. M. - 1:30 P.M.
14. Nomination of Moderator Nominee (First Order after lunch.)
15. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examination Committee—Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman (Second Order after lunch.)
16. Report of Special Committee on Staff Priorities—James E. Fogartie, Chairman.
17. Report of Inter Church Action Board—Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Chairman.
18. Pre-Ordination and In Service Training Committee (5 minutes.)
19. Christian Education Committee (5 minutes.)
20. Hunger Task Force (5 minutes.)

20 A. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee — Roy W. Coker, Chairman.
Recess: 3:30 P. M.-3:45 P.M.

21. Commissions to be appointed.
22. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
23. Reading and Adoption of Minutes.
24. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction.

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was made by John B. Rogers, Jr., host pastor, who introduced Dr. Samuel R. Spencer, President of the College, who spoke words of welcome from the College, and Mr. Bob Overcash of the Calvary Church, which is co-hosting this meeting of the Court. This report was received as information.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Frank C. Wilkinson
Richard C. Brand, Jr.
J. W. Morgan
Ira Varble
W. B. Griffie

BILLS AND OVERTURES

M. B. Prince, III, Chairman
Zane M. Moore
Robert J. James
Charles E. Moore
Adrian S. Cathey
William Brewer
A. F. (Pete) Sloan
Mrs. E. N. Thompson

TELLERS

Carl Uzzell, Chairman
Lewis W. Bledsoe
George L. Ducker
Robert O. Byrum
F. M. Funderburk
Robert L. Smith

Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk and the following disposition was made:

> From the Commission on the Minister and His Work requesting permission to present Mr. Charles E. Ostwalt and his availability for conference to those members of the Presbytery interested in disability group insurance; granted.
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> By previous action of the Court and at the request of the Session of the Covenant Church, the appointment of the Commission to install William B. Ward was postponed.
>
> Granted request of Thomas B. Tyndall to dissolve the relationship between him and the Thomasboro Church as Assistant Pastor effective December 31. He was dismissed to St. Andrew Presbytery in Mississippi. Appreciation of the ministry of Thomas B. Tyndall was expressed by Eugene P. Poe and Leonard H. Bullock.
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> A request from the Deployment and Sustentation Committee that the Strategy and Research Committee make an in depth study of the Amay James Church community to determine the future program of the Presbyterian Church in that community was referred to the Strategy and Research Committee for reporting at the next Stated Meeting of the Court.

A communication from Lewis W. Bledsoe making certain recommendations in the matter of merging the Commonwealth-Eastminster Church with some other church was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures with the invitation that others having views about this matter appear before said Committee today.

Reports of Commissions to install the following as pastors: G. Carswell Hughs, First Church, Charlotte; ordain and install Arthur S. Gatewood as Associate Minister at Albemarle; and C. Linwood Cheshire at Wadesboro; admitted to record.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR G. CARSWELL HUGHS, PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1972 AT 5:00 P. M.

The Commission met on October 29, 1972 at 4:30 P. M. in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, James E. Fogartie, Warner L. Hall, Robert H. Ramey, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, and J. Cecil Lawrence. RULING ELDERS: Joseph W. Grier, Jr., A. Ward McKeithen, Charles R. Willard, Frontis W. Johnston, Dean W. Colvard, A. Walton Litz.

Also, by invitation, the Reverend H. H. Mirly, Pastor of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, and president of Charlotte Area Clergy Association was present.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Dean W. Colvard. Joseph W. Grier, Jr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Douglas W. Oldenburg read the Scripture and L. W. Topping had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Douglas W. Oldenburg on the topic, "A Continuing Reformation."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service. J. Cecil Lawrence propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister and these were answered in the affirmative. He also then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that G. Carswell Hughs had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

Warner L. Hall led the congregation in the prayer of dedication.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Robert H. Ramey, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by James E. Fogartie.

The Reverend H. H. Mirly brought greetings from sister communions.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Frontis W. Johnston.

Joseph W. Grier, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR ARTHUR S. GATEWOOD AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1972 AT 11:00 A. M.

The Commission met on October 22, 1972 at 10:30 A. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman; Neely D. McCarter, and Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. RULING ELDERS: C. G. Boone, Ian D. Bryson and Guy Moose. John M. Hunter was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. Ian D. Bryson was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Neely D. McCarter read the Scripture and J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by Neely D. McCarter on the topic/text: "The Dance of Life" Psalms 149:3.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Arthur S. Gatewood had been regularly elected, Ordained and Installed as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, North Carolina.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Ian D. Bryson.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Ian D. Bryson
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR C. LINWOOD CHESHIRE, JR., PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WADESBORO, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1972 AT 11 A. M.

The Commission met on October 8, 1972 at 10:30 A. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Cecil

Lawrence, Chairman; Charles C. Cowsert, Robert Turner. RULING ELDERS: James R. Nisbet, Herbert Hildreth, William H. Wildermuth.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by James R. Nisbet. Robert Turner was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. William H. Wildermuth read the Scripture and J. Cecil Lawrence had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Charles C. Cowsert on the text: John 6:68,69.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Wadesboro Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Robert Turner.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by James R. Nisbet.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by William H. Wildermuth.

Robert Turner
Secretary

Recess was taken for fifteen minutes.

The Special Committee on Staff Priorities, appointed to nominate a successor to the General Presbyter, reported progress through Frank Al Mathes.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by Robert J. James. He yielded to French B. O'Shields, Jr. to present the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. The report as amended was adopted as a whole as follows:

As its report to Presbytery, the Council submits the following recommendations and proposals:

1—That the policy be continued for 1973 officially defining "Committee Operating Expense" as necessary postage, parking, telephone calls, and mileage of 8¢ per mile for the miles exceeding 40 miles per round trip for any member who lives within the bounds of Presbytery. Due to the nature of its work, the Commission on the Minister and His Work be excluded from this "definition".

2—That the per-capita assessment for 1973 be set at $2.68.

3—That the 1973 Benevolent Budget be adopted.

4—That the following resolution be approved.

RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY APPROVING SALE OF 4.57 ACRES ON ALBEMARLE ROAD AT REGAL OAKS DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Property and Insurance Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery in October of 1971 listed the 4.57 acre tract of land owned by Mecklenburg Presbytery on Albemarle Road at Regal Oaks Drive with Vinson Realty Company at a price of $150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Vinson Realty Company as agent has submitted to Mecklenburg Presbytery an offer to purchase said property on behalf of an unnamed Principal at a price of $150,000.00, with a cash binder of $5,000.00 and the balance to be paid upon delivery of the deed; and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery's Council at a meeting on November 8, 1972, approved the acceptance of this proposal and has recommended to Mecklenburg Presbytery that the proposal be adopted subject to the specific understanding with the purchaser that Mecklenburg Presbytery reserves the right to protest any petition to rezone the property for business use; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this meeting that Mecklenburg Presbytery should accept this offer subject to these further provisions:

1. That the deed to be executed by the Trustees contain the special Trustee's warranty usually given by fiduciaries in place of a general warranty called for by the proposed contract.

2. That Mecklenburg Presbytery assume no responsibility for any ad valorem taxes for 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery are authorized and directed to execute a deed and such other instruments as may be required to carry out the sale as aforesaid and to pay over the net proceeds of the sale to the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery be authorized to pay to Vinson Realty Company a commission of 6% of the purchase price of $150,000.00.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery deliver the net proceeds of the sale to the Presbyterian Foundation for investment until further action of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that J. Cecil Lawrence, as General Presbyter, be authorized to sign the aforesaid contract for the sale of the property subject to the instructions set forth in this resolution.

5—That the annual income from the Mrs. S. B. Alexander Trust Fund be earmarked for the budgeted support of the office of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

6—That Presbytery adopt the following proposal:

APPOINTMENT of a special committee by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg

PURPOSE: To consider and make recommendations to Presbytery concerning the housing of the offices of Mecklenburg Presbytery;

SCOPE: To determine the space and other auxiliary facilities required to adequately house the office of Presbytery;

To determine the relative cost factors involved in purchase and renovation of a suitable structure or new construction of such;

To determine a fitting location;

To formulate and submit to Presbytery specific recommendations in all matters relating to the purpose.

PERSONNEL: It is recommended that this Committee consist of five persons. The Committee shall be appointed by the Personnel Committee. The General Presbyter shall serve as an advisory member.

REPORT: The Committee shall report, or make a progress report, not later than the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

1973 BENEVOLENT BUDGET

Mecklenburg Presbytery

A. Anticipated Income			$850,000.00
B. Anticipated Disbursements:			
I. General Assembly	(47.6%)		$404,838.00
II. Synod	(33.4%)		$283,662.00
III. Presbytery	(19%)		$161,500.00
	Total		$850,000.00
III. Presbytery Disbursements			$161,500.00
A. Commission on Minister & Work			3,000.00
1. Operating Expense		$1,000.00	
2. Discretionary Fund		2,000.00	
B. Council			37,520.77
1. Operating Expense		1,500.00	
2. Contingency Fund		19,670.77	
3. Insurance		2,500.00	
4. Taxes and Maintenance		2,800.00	
5. Stewardship Promotion		300.00	
6. **Mecklenburg Presbyterian**		4,500.00	
7. Travel—Special Commissions		250.00	
8. General Presbyter Elect (transition expense)		4,000.00	
9. Expense relative to Ret. General Presbyter		2,000.00	
C. Court Meetings			200.00
1. Taping Presbytery Meetings		100.00	
2. Supplies (tapes, etc.)		50.00	
3. Upkeep of equipment		50.00	
D. Deployment and Sustentation			62,000.00
1. Operating Expense		200.00	(Plus $2,500 Boyd Fund)
2. Sustentation to churches		39,300.00	
3. Extension Work			
a. Albemarle Road Expansion Fund		3,500.00	
b. Benton Heights Bldg. Fund		3,500.00	
c. Pleasant Hill Bldg. Fund		17,000.00	
d. Contingency Fund		1,000.00	
E. Institutional Ministries			17,329.23
1. Hospital Chaplain (Wilkinson)		5,280.39	
a. Salary (20%)	3,038.50		
b. Vacation Sub.	200.00		

c. Hospital Ins.	407.44		
d. Disability Ins.	115.20		
e. M. A. F.	1,519.25		
2. Hospital Secretary		2,818.84	
a. Salary (50%)	2,577.10		
b. Soc. Security	141.74		
c. Vacation Sub.	100.00		
3. Visitor to Hospitals and Institutions		3,780.00	
4. Campus Christian Life Worker (Presbyterian Hospital) (50%)		3,000.00	
5. Prison Ministries		1,200.00	
6. Miscellaneous Expenses		1,250.00	
a. Christian Fellowship Activities	300.00		
b. Calling Cards	75.00		
c. Chaplain's Org. Dues (50%)	25.00		
d. Postage	250.00		
e. Extra Private Telephone	225.00		
f. Chaplain's Conf. Exp. (50%)	150.00		
g. Expenses Related to Clinic	75.00		
h. Books & Mags. Lending Library	150.00		
F. Interpretation			25.00
1. Operating Expense		25.00	
G. Christian Education			$13,095.00
1. Operating Expense		100.00	(Plus $5,000
2. Area D. C. E.		4,850.00	Int. on
a. Salary	4,200.00		Camp Stewart
b. Con't. Ed.	300.00		Money)
c. Office Expense.	350.00		
3. Children's Work		600.00	
4. Youth Work		800.00	
5. Adult Work		825.00	
6. Career & Personal Counseling		200.00	
7. Leadership Education		5,200.00	
8. Camping and Retreats		5,520.00	
H. Pre-Ordination and Examination			7,200.00
1. Operating Expense		250.00	(Plus $300
2. Testing Guidance Center		250.00	Alexander
3. Grants-in-aid		7,000.00	Fund)
I. Pre-Ordination and In Service Training			450.00
1. Training Retreat for Ruling Elders		450.00	

J. Specialized Ministry			18,500.00
1. Operating Expense		50.00	
2. Evangelism		500.00	
3. Day Care Centers		8,000.00	
a. Monroe	1,000.00		
b. South Tryon	3,000.00		
c. Double Oaks	4,000.00		
4. Inter-Church Action Board		7,200.00	
5. School of Arts—First Church, Charlotte		500.00	
6. Scholarships for training experiences		500.00	
7. Dilworth Community Ministry		750.00	
8. Seigle Ave. Hot Lunch Program		1,000.00	
K. Strategy and Research			1,900.00
1. Operating Expense		150.00	
2. Equipping Com., Chs., and Presby. Leadership for Mission		1,750.00	
a. Scholarships	1,000.00		
b. Consultant Fees	500.00		
c. Retreats	250.00		
L. World Missions			280.00
1. Operating Expense		30.00	
2. Retreat		150.00	
3. Montreat Conf. (Chairman)		100.00	

The following motion by Lawrence I. Stell prevailed: that Presbytery request the Presbytery's Council to consider the use of the terms "General Mission Funds" or "General Mission Budget" as a substitute for the terms "Benevolent Budget" or "Benevolent Funds".

The report of the Personnel Committee as a whole was presented by Zane M. Moore and adopted. Oliver W. Carmichael was elected Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

TRUSTEES

Davidson College

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant)—to be elected for another term

1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)—to replace Warner L. Hall, Class of 1972

1976—Graeme M. Keith (Myers Park)—to replace John M. Belk, Class of 1972

Mecklenburg Presbytery

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza)—to replace D. G. Martin, Jr., Class of 1972

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Robert J. James to be Chairman

1975—Russell M. Kerr—to replace John M. Handley, Class of 1972

1975—Thornton W. Tucker—to replace French B. O'Shields, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)—to replace Mrs. Ray L. Gardner, Class of 1972

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. **Teaching Elder Section**

1. **Pre-Ordination and Examinations**

Charles C. Cowsert to be Chairman

1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.—to replace Oliver W. Carmichael, Class of 1972

1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. (serving short term)—to be reelected

1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College) (filling unexpired term)—to be reelected

1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)—to replace Sidney T. Stovall, Class of 1972

1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue)—to replace R. G. Paden, Class of 1972

2. **Commission on the Minister and His Work**

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. to be Chairman

1975—Robert H. Ramey, Jr. (filling unexpired term)—to be reelected

1975—Kenneth P. Craig (serving short term)—to be reelected

1975—Dr. William O. Jolly, III (Albemarle First)—to replace G. Douglas Aitken, Class of 1972

1975—Glenn D. Hunt (Cook's Memorial)—to replace Robert F. Stokes, Class of 1972

B. **Ruling Elder Section**

1. **Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee**

Horace E. Stoessel to be Chairman

1975—Robert O. Freeman—to replace Fred C. Holder, Class of 1972

1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)—to replace A. D. Leopold, Class of 1972

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. **Strengthening the Church Section**

1. **Evaluation and Review**

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh to be Chairman

1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe—to replace E. T. Thompson, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)—to replace Charles A. Hunter, Class of 1972

2. **Christian Education**

Fred C. Holder to be Chairman

1973—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)—to replace John Banks Choate, Class of 1973

1974—Mrs. Morgan Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)—to replace Charles Patterson, Class of 1974

1975—Fred C. Holder—to replace Charles N. Clegg, Class of 1972

1975—M. B. Prince, III (serving short term)—to be reelected

1975—Anthony S. Abbott, Ph.D. (Davidson College)—to replace Mrs. Edmund B. Clark, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry) (filling unexpired term) to be reelected

1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third) (serving short term)—to be reelected

1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)—to replace Miss Ruth Farrior, Class of 1972

1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)—to replace Miss Jocelyn Hill, Class of 1972

B. **Evangelizing the World**

1. **Institutional Ministries**

J. Arthur Beard to be Chairman

1975—Thomas J. Nash, III—to replace J. E. Wayland, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)—to replace David R. Wilson, Class of 1972

2. **Strategy and Research**

Randolph Norton to be Chairman

1975—E. T. Thompson, Jr.—to replace Robert S. Owens, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—Carl T. Uzzell—to replace Neil C. Leach, Class of 1972

1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)—to replace T. LaFontine Odom, Class of 1972

1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)—to replace Charles A. Hunter, Class of 1972

3. **Deployment and Sustentation of Churches**

1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.—to replace M. B. Prince, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—George L. Ducker—to replace David E. Wilkinson, Class of 1972

1975—Carl Dumford (Caldwell Memorial)—to replace George Stovall, Class of 1972

1975—Leroy Morrison (Westminster)—to replace Ross Miller, Class of 1972

4. **Specialized Ministry**

Leonard W. Topping to be Chairman

1973—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)—to replace Mike Mayfield, Class of 1973

1975—Richard P. Shaw—to replace T. W. Tucker, Class of 1972

1975—A. J. Morrison—to replace John C. Laughlin, Class of 1972

1975—James Branden (Sharon)—to replace Miss Ann Ramsey Hopkins, Class of 1972

1975—Harvey Poole (Williams Memorial)—to replace Lacy S. Sellers, Class of 1972

1975—Howard S. White (Hopewell)—to replace Jack Tesh, Class of 1972

5. **World Missions**

1975—G. Carswell Hughs—to replace Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Class of 1972

1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)—to replace James B. Watt, Class of 1972

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. **Administration Section**

1. **Personnel Committee**

Oliver W. Carmichael to be Chairman

1974—Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Avenue)

1975—Thomas W. MacLean

1975—Oliver W. Carmichael (Chm.)

1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M. D. (Forest Hill)

1975—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

2. **Court Meetings**

Warner L. Hall to be Chairman

1975—Warner L. Hall—to replace Russell M. Kerr, Class of 1972

1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)—to replace Thomas B. Ruff, Class of 1972

B. **Theology Section**

1. **Interpretation**

Charles E. S. Kraemer to be Chairman

1975—Earl R. MacCormac—to replace Robert Turner, Class of 1972

1975—David Wilson (Steele Creek)—to replace Price H. Gwynn, III, Class of 1972

2. **Worship**

James A. Cannon to be Chairman

1974—Mrs. Richard (Betty) Peek (Covenant)—to replace Henry P. Bridges, Class of 1974

1975—Robert S. Hough—to replace Thomas W. MacLean, Class of 1972

1975—G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Avenue)—to replace Loonis R. McGlohon, Class of 1972

Directors of Presbyterian Home at Charlotte, Inc.

1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)—to replace Harry T. Stewart, Class of 1972

Inter Church Action Board

Entire Class of 1972 to be reelected for Class of 1975:

A. Rudolph Hendricks
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.
F. Wayne Lee, M. D. (Myers Park)
Mrs. H. R. Hrabanek (Providence)
James Dennis Rash (Charlotte First)
Phillip McKinnon (Plaza)
William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park)
Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)

Ruling Elder Joseph W. Grier, Jr., retiring Chairman of the Personnel Committee, expressed his thanks to any and all who had cooperated with him in his responsibility. Mr. Moore, of the Committee, replied to Mr. Grier expressing the Committee's appreciation of the leadership he had given the Committee.

The invitation of the Paw Creek Church for the next Stated Meeting, to be held the 4th Tuesday in February, was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Court Meetings Committee was presented and received as information.

The report of the Interpretation Committee was presented by Robert Turner, and adopted.

SECTION A

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. to add to Section 14-3 a new section to be numbered 14-3 (6) as follows:

"In order to fulfill its mission responsibilities, a court may call into its service persons to function as executive or administrative officers. When a person is called to such office, the court shall clearly define the person's duties, specifying the responsibilities and the authority of the office."

2. The adoption of the addition to section 31-1 as follows:

   "Presbyteries of this Church may act in concert with comparable judicatories of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, of the Reformed Church in America, and of other Reformed bodies to organize union churches. Such union churches shall be subject to the provisions of 31-2 and 31-3 as applicable."

SECTION B

Mecklenburg Presbytery instructed its Committee on Interpretation to study, with a view as to its constituionality, a recently proposed plan for uniting two of its churches. Under this plan the pastors of the two existing churches would become associate pastors in the proposed new church. (There would be no senior pastor). The plan further proposed that if and when either of the Associate Pastors vacates the office the remaining Associate Pastor could be called as the senior pastor of the proposed new church.

Your committee would report the following as its findings.

1. The pastoral relations between a minister and a congregation are these and only these, specified in the form of government. Section 25-2 (first sentence) states "in each church there should be a pastor . . . . . .". Section 25-3 allows for other ministers in other specifically named and described relations, but is quite clear that these are to " . . . labor with the pastor . . .".

2. Section 25-3 (third paragraph thereof) prohibits an Associate Pastor succeeding a pastor. The Assembly has several times in recent years (most recently in 1972) declined to amend the Constitution so as to allow such succession.

In view of one and two above it is the judgement of your committee that the proposal for uniting two churches as proposed, (to which reference is made) is not constitutionally valid on at least two counts namely:

1. An Associate Pastoral relationship may not be established where no senior pastoral relationship exists.
2. An Associate Pastor may not succeed to the place of a senior pastor.

It was voted to adjourn for lunch to be held in the Banquet Hall of the College.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Ruling Elder A. Walton Litz of the Myers Park Church was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the next Stated Meeting.

The report of the Committee on Worship was presented by Richard C. Brand, Jr. for the Chairman, Thomas W. MacLean. It was adopted.

Two events which happen in the life of a church congregation frequently place the minister, the session and the congregation at cross-purposes with society and its customs. These events are weddings and funerals. **The Book of Church Order: Directory for Worship** describes a wedding as "holy worship" where God is acknowledged as the establisher of marriage and to whom the vows are said. The social pages of our newspapers see a wedding as a time to give glory to the bride and praise to the parties. The same **Book of Church Order** gives the proper exercises for the funeral, but we have allowed great numbers of distortions and strange community customs to dictate our funeral practices.

Your Worship Committee feels it may prove helpful to ministers, sessions and congregations if, from the already available guidelines and suggestions for weddings and funerals from our Board of Christian Education, from General Assembly statements, from various statements of individual churches and from the **Book of Church Order: Directory for Worship** it submits for your adoption and use brief statements and guidelines for weddings and funerals and encourages sessions to formulate their own guidelines for their individual churches.

THE CHURCH WEDDING

A wedding in a Christian church is—or should be—a service of worship just as much so as the 11:00 service on Sunday morning. A Christian wedding is possible only when it unites persons who are Christians. Such a wedding brings a man and a woman to one of the highest and holiest and happiest events of their lives. It is the fulfillment of hopes and dreams and a shining entrance into a new life.

Your Church desires to help you make this event all that it can and should be. To that end the procedures which are suggested here are commended to you for your study and guidance.

ARRANGEMENTS

All arrangements for church weddings should be made through the minister, beginning preferably two months or more in advance of the wedding date. Days such as Sundays, Holy Week, Christmas Day, News Year's Day, etc. are to be avoided. The minister is in charge of all weddings in the church. Should the bridal couple desire a **second minister** to assist in the service, they should discuss this with the host minister who should then extend an invitation to the minister who is to assist. If a bridal consultant or director is to help with certain aspects of the wedding, he or she should consult with the minister on the procedures in the particular church.

Premarital conferences are most important, and appointments should be made with the minister as soon as the wedding date is set. (cf. "Directory for Worship," Para. 215-4)

MUSIC

The music becomes as much a part of the service as the words which the minister speaks. Therefore, all music, instrumental and vocal, should be appropriate for an occasion of worship. The church organist will ordinarily play for all weddings. Should the bridal couple desire a different organist, they should consult the minister and the church organist for approval of this arrangement. The music should be chosen in consultation with the organist, who should be prepared to submit a suggested list of musical selections.

DECORATIONS

The church as a place of worship doesn't really need "decorations." Simplicity is always in good taste. Care should be taken not to obscure or overshadow the Christian symbols which are a part of the place of worship. Care should also be taken to safeguard the furnishings from melted candles, tacks, tape, etc. Arrangements should be made to remove any decorations promptly after the completion of the wedding service.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos, flash or other, are distracting and should not be taken during the service. Guests at a reception should not be kept waiting while the wedding party are being photographed. Arrangements should be made for guests to be admitted to the reception immediately without going through either a guest-book or a receiving line. (Guests may sign the guest-book upon leaving the reception hall.)

FEES

A Schedule of Fees, to be determined by each church, should be made available to the bridal couple at their first meeting with the minister. These fees may include use of facilities and services rendered by organist, soloist, sexton and/or other staff members. It is suggested that all fees be paid prior to the wedding rehearsal. An honorarium for the minister (s) is at the discretion of the bridal couple and the ministers.

OTHER REGULATIONS

Smoking should not be permitted in the sanctuary, chapel or narthex. The use of **rice**, confetti, rose petals, etc. on church property creates a nuisance and often a safety hazard and should be prohibited.

Should the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** be observed as a part of the marriage service, participation should be authorized by the session, and all believers present should be invited to participate.

The couple should be advised that should they or members of their party appear at either the rehearsal or the wedding under the influence of intoxicants this could be considered grounds for discontinuing the service.

THE MARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS

Ministers should be thoroughly conversant with the position of our Church on the marriage of divorced persons as set forth in our DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP, Paras. 215-5,6-7 and should make the decision to perform or not perform ceremonies for divorced persons on the basis of that position.

THE FUNERAL

1. A Christian Funeral is a service of worship and should ordinarily be held in the church sanctuary.
2. As a service of worship the Christian funeral has a three-fold purpose.
   a. To offer thanks to God for the life of the departed.
   b. To seek God's comfort for the sorrowing.
   c. To witness to our faith in the resurrection.
3. Since the funeral is a service of worship, the congregation are worshipers, not observers, and should be guided and encouraged to participate. To that end, responsive readings of the Scriptures, affirmation of faith and the singing of appropriate hymns will contribute.* Instrumental music and congregational hymns should convey faith and victory.
4. While eulogies as such are unnecessary and may even defeat the purpose of the service, gratitude for the life of the departed may appropriately be expressed in prayer.
5. The reading of appropriate selections from the Scriptures, together with prayer, must needs form the body of the service.
6. Floral arrangements should be simple and limited in number and placement as prescribed by the session.
7. The casket should remain closed during the service. Many churches provide and encourage the use of a pall for covering the casket. This practice is to be commended.

*Hymns Suggested for the Funeral Service:
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
"Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation"
"The Strife Is O'er"

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"The Lord's My Shepherd"
"Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord"
"For All the Saints"
"Praise the Lord for He Is Good"
"I Look to Thee in Every Need"
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

RECOMMENDATION: That the Presbytery adopt the foregoing statements and commend them to ministers and sessions for their study and use.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and Examination Committee was presented by Zane M. Moore.

William B. Ward of the Presbytery of Congaree was presented for examination seeking admission into the Presbytery. Mr. Ward offered testimony as to his Christian experience, sense of call to the Ministry, together with his views on Church government and the Sacraments. These were sustained as satisfactory and the motion prevailed that he be admitted to membership. The call for Mr. Ward's pastoral services to the Covenant Church was placed in his hands and accepted. The terms of Mr. Ward's call to Covenant Church are as follows:

Base Salary $11,000
Manse, or
House Allowance $3,600
Utilities
Tax sheltered annuity $1,500
Moving expenses
M. A. F. 10%
Car or allowance $1,000
Group Life-Hospital Insurance
Vacation: 1 month annually
Two weeks study leave annually

J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., reporting for the Candidates Committee, made the following motions which prevailed; that the name of Mr. Joe Lee Puckett be removed from the roll of Candidates for the Ministry, at his own request; and that the name of Miss Terry Lynne Brown be removed from the roll of Candidates for Lay Service at her request.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by Robert H. Ramey, Jr. on behalf of the Chairman, Frank H. Caldwell. This report as a whole with its recommendations was adopted.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, the Commission has had two Stated meetings, from which the following actions are reported:

1. Approval of the request of the Oakboro Church for Reverend Frank Jones to render an interim ministry and serve as Moderator of Session for 3 months—November 1, 1972—January 31, 1973.
2. Approval of joint actions of sessions of Indian Trail and Stephenson churches authorizing an interim extended ministry of Reverend Edward Wilson to the Stephenson congregation (including Moderator of Session) for 6 months, beginning November 1, 1972.
3. Approval of similar joint actions of Benton Heights and Unionville sessions, authorizing a similar extended ministry of Reverend Rodney Love (including Moderator of Session) to the

Unionville congregation for 3 months, beginning November 1, 1972.

4. Approval of an interim ministry of Reverend Marcus Prince, Jr. (including Moderator of Session) of the Marshville—New Salem churches for 3 months, beginning December 1, 1972.

5. Request that Reverend Eugene Poe invite Mr. Charles Oswalt to this meeting of Presbytery with a view to further implementation of the presbytery-approved disability insurance program for ministers and churches.

6. Approval of the joint requests of Reverend Laura Buzard and the Presbyterian Hospital Campus Christian Life Committee that Miss Buzard's pastoral relations in that work be dissolved as of December 31, 1972, and assurance of the interim continuation of her medical insurance and M.A.F. status by the Commission.

7. Receipt of report of Chaplain David C. Hamrick, Jr., Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

8. Approval of the joint requests of Reverend Robert S. Owens, Jr., and the Plaza congregation for dissolution of the pastoral relations, as of November 19, 1972, and the request of Mr. Owens for a letter of dismissal to Covenant Presbytery, with the Commission's expression of appreciation of his ministerial services at Plaza and in the courts of the Church.

9. The Commission recommends Presbytery's approval of the following amendments of calls to ministers as reported to the commission to date:

	Salary Increase	Auto Allowance	Other
Roy W. Coker	$ 425.00		
Hunter R. Hill	300.00		
R. Thomas Cheely	1100.00	$500.00	$300.00 (Continuing education—2 weeks)
Ernest T. Thompson, Jr.	1000.00		(Additional week for vacation and study —total 6)
George L. Ducker		250.00	
David E. Wilkinson	394.81		
F. A. Mathes	800.00		30.00
Richard P. Shaw	600.00		
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	700.00		
James E. Fogartie	800.00		
G. E. Dixon	300.00		
Glenn L. Hill	300.00		
J. E. Ratchford	300.00		
Henry S. Robinson		100.00	
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	500.00	180.00	
A. M. Keith	500.00	300.00	100.00 (utilities)
T. A. Little, Jr.	400.00		
Robert O. Freeman	300.00		
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	900.00		
R. R. Love	750.00		
James N. Biggers	300.00		
Kenneth P. Craig	900.00		

10. That all changes in terms of calls as reported today, November 28, 1972, be approved, and that notice of further changes be reported to the Commission on the Minister and His Work to be submitted at the February Meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Inter-Church Action Board was presented by its Chairman, Friedrich Schilling, Jr., and received as information.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee was made by J. David Fletcher and its recommendations adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the project of the pilot Retreat be approved;
2. That $450 be budgeted for 1973 for implementing No. 1 above (No. 1. To develop a cadre of Ruling Elders who may be available to assist Sessions in their training program.)
3. That the Committee provide scholarships where they deem that need exists.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was made for the Committee by Robert Turner and received as information.

The report of the Hunger Task Force was made by Robert W. Rayburn and received as information.

The joint report of the Strategy and Research and the Deployment and Sustentation Committees was made by Roy W. Coker. It was received and its recommendations adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Strategy and Research Committee and the Deployment and Sustentation Committee request Mecklenburg Presbytery to appoint an Administrative Commission to assist Smallwood Presbyterian Church in seeking a solution to its desire to continue its ministry in that Neighborhood if possible; that this Commission be empowered to seek a solution within its sole discretion, including:

1. That the Commission guide the Smallwood Presbyterian Church in the calling of a full time Minister; or
2. In the calling of a part-time Minister; or
3. Entering into a combined or joint ministry with Catawba Presbytery, UPUSA, at the Smallwood Presbyterian Church; or
4. Dissolve the Smallwood Presbyterian Church and lease its facilities to Catawba Presbytery, UPUSA, at a nominal rental for a period of up to five years; or
5. That Smallwood Presbyterian Church be dissolved and its members dismissed to the churches of their choice; or
6. That the Commission be given authority to take other action it may deem necessary to resolve the situation at the Smallwood Presbyterian Church; and
7. That the Commission be granted funding not to exceed $5,000.00. These funds to come from the 1973 Budget of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee of the item "Sustentation to Churches".
8. That the Commission be composed of the following:

Ruling Elders:	Ministers:
A. Walton Litz	James E. Fogartie
Edward F. Parnell, Jr.	Leonard H. Bullock
Randolph Norton, Chairman	Carl Uzzell

The following motion by Joe E. Stowe prevailed: That the Committee on Interpretation be requested to study the duties of the Committees of Strategy and Research and Deployment and Sustentation as stated in Presbytery's Manual and report to Presbytery the definite duties of each of these Committees.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by its Chairman, Marcus B. Prince, III, and adopted.

The Bills and Overtures Committee, having met with all interested parties from the Commonwealth-Eastminster, East and the Albemarle Road Churches, and others; and having received from them expressions of desire to continue negotiations through presently constituted channels, recommend that the letter from Lewis W. Bledsoe be answered in the negative. We wish to commend Mr. Bledsoe for his concern and responsible churchmanship in calling to the attention of Presbytery the urgency of the circumstance of the Commonwealth-Eastminster Church.

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by Frank C. Wilkinson and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the sub-committee on Resolutions of the Committee on Court Meetings was submitted by W. D. Kuenzli and adopted.

This has been another fine day for Mecklenburg Presbytery! For the blessings we have received, we are indebted to many, especially the following:

1. To the retiring Moderator, Reverend Marcus B. Prince, III;
2. To the Moderator, Ruling Elder Gene A. Cathey, for his skillful handling of the business of this Court;
3. To the trinity of hosts for this meeting, who have done so much for our comfort and well-being;
    a. Davidson College Presbyterian Church and its Pastor, Reverend John B. Rogers, Jr.—for the use of this beautiful sanctuary . . . and the ladies who served us with such charm;
    b. Calvary Presbyterian Church and its Pastor, Reverend Frank C. Wilkinson;
    c. Davidson College and its President, Dr. Samuel R. Spencer—for providing the excellent dinner and spacious dining hall;
4. To Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence, our most capable General Presbyter—for his wisdom and superb leadership;
5. To Miss Annette Bullard, his beauteous and hardworking Secretary, for services far beyond the call of duty;
6. To Reverend Thomas C. Bryan, the Permanent Clerk, for his tireless efforts in accurately recording the deliberation of this Court;
7. To Reverend G. Eliot Dixon, for his skill in tape-recording the discussions of this Meeting;
8. To the Presbytery's Council, all committees and their members, and all others who have contributed time, thought and experience to this day's accomplishments;
9. Finally and most importantly
to the ALMIGHTY—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—EVER ONE GOD, "from Whom ALL blessings flow!"

Warner L. Hall, Chairman-elect of the Court Meetings Committee, made the following motion which prevailed: that the November 1973 meeting be held the 4th Tuesday in November, 1973.

The Minutes were read, corrected and adopted as read.

It was voted to adjourn to meet February 27, 1973 in the Paw Creek Church.

The closing prayer was voiced by T. W. Tucker, followed by the Apostolic Benediction.

Thomas C. Bryan
Permanent Clerk

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR		PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
July,	1957	Westminster	Rev. A. T. Taylor
Sept.,	1957	Plaza	Rev. Ben F. Moore
Jan.,	1958	Badin Church	Rev. W. B. McSwain
April,	1958	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Jas. R. Cook
July,	1958	Central Steele Creek	Rev. Robert Turner
Sept.,	1958	Camp Stewart	Rev. J. S. Garner
Jan.,	1959	Biscoe Church	Rev. J. E. Wayland, Jr.
April,	1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Vandle
July,	1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept.,	1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan.,	1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April,	1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July,	1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Fogartie
Sept.,	1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April,	1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July,	1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct.,	1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan.,	1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. O. F. Dixon
Apr.,	1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July,	1962	Covenant Church	Rev. M. C. Kirkland
Oct.	1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan.	1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April,	1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July,	1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct.	1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan.	1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April,	1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hildebrandt
July,	1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct.,	1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan.,	1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April,	1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July,	1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct.,	1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan.,	1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
Apr.,	1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. B. Williamson
July,	1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct.,	1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
Apr.,	1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July,	1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct.,	1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan.,	1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April,	1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct.,	1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan.,	1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April,	1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct.	1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb.,	1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May,	1970	Third Church	Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Jr.
Sept.,	1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov.,	1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David E. Jenkins
Feb.,	1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May,	1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept.,	1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin G. Boyd, Jr.
Nov.,	1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb.	1972	Williams Memorial Church	Wilbur T. Alexander
May	1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept.	1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov.	1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey

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First Union Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 22, 1973

DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1973

Officers Of The Presbytery:

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Moderator of February Meeting, Route 9, Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

J. Cecil Lawrence, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk (April, 1973), P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28201

Treasurer: Calvin B. Baird, P. O. Box 4346, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C., 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—Robert Turner (3), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Graeme M. Keith (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr., Chairman, 1015 Habersham Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

1973—Herbert H. Browne, Jr. (Charlotte First)

1974—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale) (Chm.)

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Robert J. James, Chairman, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28073

Ministers

1973—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1973—Charles L. Kirby
1974—Robert J. James (Chm.)
1975—Russell M. Kerr
1975—Thornton W. Tucker

Elders

1973—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity)
1973—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1974—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)
1974—James H. Barnhardt (Covenant)
1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, 1402 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1973—Zane M. Moore
1973—Charles C. Cowsert (Chm.)
1974—John E. Smylie
1974—J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.
1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Elders

1973—Harry D. Watson (Amity)
1973—John E. Boyd (Sardis)
1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1974—Alfred Canon (Myers Park)
1974—W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon)
1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Ave.)

2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1973—Eugene P. Poe
1973—Henry S. Robinson
1974—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. (Chm.)
1974—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Robert H. Ramey, Jr.
1975—Kenneth P. Craig

Elders

1973—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1973—Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Ave.)
1974—Frontis W. Johnston, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1974—Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant)
1975—William O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Glenn D. Hunt (Cook's Memorial)

A. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Horace E. Stoessel, Chairman, 1000 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1973—H. E. Stoessel (Chm.)
1974—A. Rudolph Hendricks
1975—Robert O. Freeman

Elders

1973—M. E. Alexander (Christ)
1974—James M. Painter (Paw Creek)
1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman, Route 9—Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1973—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh (Chm.)
1974—W. M. Boyce
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe

Lay Members

1973—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale)
1974—Roland M. Smith (Christ)
1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1973—David S. Templeton
1973—W. C. Rhodes, Jr.
1973—James W. Eller
1973—Joe P. Arnold
1974—Laura I. Buzard
1974—Arthur S. Gatewood
1974—Glenn L. Hill
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1975—M. B. Prince, III

Lay Members

1973—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)
1973—Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First)
1973—William L. Anderson (Sardis)
1973—Miss Peggy Barnes (Covenant)
1973—Samuel T. Cornwell (Westminster)
1974—Mrs. Morgan Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)
1974—John M. McCaskill (Sardis)
1974—John M. Baughman (Covenant)
1974—Samuel G. Weir (Carmel)
1974—H. H. Blackwell (Calvary)
1975—Anthony S. Abbott, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1975—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry)
1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, P. O. Box 17654, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	1973—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant)
1974—J. Arthur Beard (Chm.)	1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1975—Thomas J. Nash, III	1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)

2. Strategy and Research

Randolph Norton, Chairman, 5201 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—Thomas A. Little, Jr.	1973—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1973—James E. Fogartie	1973—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1974—Leonard H. Bullock	1974—A. Walton Litz (Myers Park)
1974—William A. Dysard, Jr.	1974—Randolph Norton (Sardis) (Chm.)
1975—French B. O'Shields, Jr.	1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Carl T. Uzzell	1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)

3. Deployment and Sustentation of Churches

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)	1973—William T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1973—Robert S. Maclin, III	1973—W. Harvey Morrison, Jr. (Monroe First)
1974—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	1974—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)
1974—James E. Ratchford	1974—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	1975—Carl Dumford (Caldwell Memorial)
1975—George L. Ducker	1975—Leroy Morrison (Westminster)

4. Specialized Ministry

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—Leonard W. Topping (Chm.)	1973—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1973—Robert W. Rayburn	1974—W. E. Moss (Hopewell)
1974—Friedrich Schilling	1974—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1974—Glenn B. Robinson	1975—James Branden (Sharon)
1975—Richard P. Shaw	1975—Harvey Poole (Williams Memorial)
1975—A. J. Morrison	1975—Howard S. White (Hopewell)

5. World Missions

A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman, 2325 Pender Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—F. A. Mathes	1973—A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Chm.) (Charlotte First)
1974—Eldon D. Wadsworth	1974—Mrs. Emmett Crook (Covenant)
1975—G. Carswell Hughs	1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1973—W. A. Dysard, Jr. (Unexpired term)	1973—Olson Huff, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1973—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Robert J. James	1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1974—Zane M. Moore	1974—Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Ave.)
1975—Thomas W. MacLean	1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1975—Oliver W. Carmichael	1975—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1402 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1973—William D. Morton	1973—Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1974—Frank C. Wilkinson	1974—John E. Butler (Amity)
1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)	1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Charles E. S. Kraemer, Chairman, 1205 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond, Va. 23227

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1973—H. Louis Patrick	1973—J. Price Robinson (Commonwealth-Eastminster)
1974—Charles E. S. Kraemer (Chm.)	1974—Mrs. J. Cecil Lawrence (Covenant)
1975—Earl R. MacCormac	1975—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)

2. Worship

James A. Cannon, Chairman, P. O. Box 26193, Charlotte, N. C., 28213

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1973—Richard C. Brand, Jr.	1973—Mrs. Olson Huff (Forest Hill)
1974—James A. Cannon (Chm.)	1974—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1975—Robert S. Hough	1975—G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Avenue)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home Of Charlotte, Inc.

1973—John A. Tate, Sr. (Davidson College)
1974—John D. Hicks (Covenant)
1975—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)

Inter Church Action Board

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1975—A. Rudolph Hendricks	1975—F. Wayne Lee, M.D. (Myers Park)
1975—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	1975—Mrs. H. R. Hrabanek (Providence)
	1975—James Dennis Rash (Charlotte First)
	1975—Phillip McKinnon (Plaza)
	1975—William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park)
	1975—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)

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Charles E. S. Kraemer	President PSCE
Warner L. Hall	Presbyterian Foundation
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Roy E. Hoke, H.R.	
David E. Wilkinson	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper	Pageland, Salem
Russell M. Kerr	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	Cornelius, Bethel
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W. G. Workman	Professor, Davidson College
Robert Turner	Synod Director C.E.
Fred C. Holder	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	
Leighton S. Ford	Evangelist
G. E. Dixon	W. H. Belk
James E. Fogartie	Myers Park
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	
J. Cecil Lawrence	General Presbyter and Stated Clerk
Robert S. Woodson, H.R.	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	
Daniel L. Durway	Graduate Student
David G. Boyce	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	Director of Child Care, Alexander Children's Center
Charles Betts Huntley	Foreign Missionary
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	Sugaw Creek
John H. McVay	
John M. Handley	
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping	Charlotte First (Associate)
J. Arthur Beard	Westminster (Associate)
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe	Westminster
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Myers Park (Associate)
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	Cook's Memorial
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A. Merrell Keith	Turner, Siler

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Eldon D. Wadsworth	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third
Charles M. Murray	Graduate School
Oliver W. Carmichael	Sharon
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
Robert J. James	Paw Creek
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Chaplain
A. Leslie Thompson	Clanton Memorial (Stated Supply)
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	Selwyn Avenue
Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
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Henry S. Robinson	Memorial
Carl T. Uzzell	St. John
John E. Smylie	President, Queens College
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
Wilbur D. Kuenzli	Plaza (Associate)
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John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	Ridgecrest
H. E. Stoessel	Covenant (Assistant)
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	Providence
Richard C. Brand, Jr.	Trinity (Associate)
Neil C. Leach	ACTS
Robert S. Maclin, III	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey	Professor
Roy W. Coker	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	Professor, Queens College
Raeford Rodney Love	Benton Heights
Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash	Walkersville
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	Newell
F. A. Mathes	Huntersville
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
James W. Eller	Robinson
W. C. Rhodes	Sharon (Assistant)
Joe P. Arnold	Sardis (Associate)
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
Miss Laura Buzard	
T. A. Little, Jr.	St. Andrews
A. J. Morrison	Third (Associate)
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
James H. Shackelford	Professor
Charles N. Clegg	Sugaw Creek (Associate)
Robert O. Freeman	Commonwealth-Eastminster
David S. Templeton, Jr.	Myers Park (Assistant)
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Hunter R. Hill	Commonwealth-Eastminster (Assistant)
Earl R. MacCormac	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Assistant)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
R. Thomas Cheely	Locust
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell	Executive Secretary—General Council
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
Arthur S. Gatewood	Albemarle First (Associate)
William B. Ward	Covenant (Assistant)
Robert E. Burnett	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	Steele Creek (Associate)
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	

Total Ministers **132**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

James Craig Butler, Louisville Seminary, Amity Church

William B. Carr, Jr., Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Wayne G. Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

David T. Fisher, Boligee, Ala., Cameronian Church

Shirley Ann Gilliam, Union Seminary, New York, Covenant Church

Scott Cureton Girard, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Benny Eugene Gurley, Louisville Seminary, Mulberry Church

Gerald B. Hurst, Union Seminary, Philadelphia Church

Charles F. Klotzberger, Union Seminary, Sharon Church

George H. Kuykendall, Jr., Covenant Church

Stephen H. Marion, Navy, Amity Church

Timothy Derr Mayes, U. N. C.—Charlotte, Ramah Church

David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Robert Lee Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Carmel Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Thomas K. Pettus, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Donald Eric Stroud, Princeton, Christ Church

Alan Maurice Wentz, Richmond, Va., Amity Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

Robert C. Wilson, Belhaven College, Locust Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

ROLL OF CHURCHES

All Town Addresses are North Carolina unless otherwise stated.

Churches	**Clerk Of Session**	**Treasurer**
Albemarle First	David Bell P. O. Box 565 Albemarle 28001	James D. White 1002 Ridge Street Albemarle 28001
Albemarle Road	Clyde M. Bingman 122 Stilwell Oaks Circle Charlotte 28212	Edgar W. Owens 5900 Red Carriage Lane Charlotte 28212
Altan	Odus Doster Route 5 Monroe 28110	William Lee Floyd Route 1 Monroe 28110
Amay James	Melvin Murriel 2510 Sherrill Street Charlotte 28208	Henderson O. Reid 1530 Pondella Drive Charlotte 28213
Amity	Thomas H. Donaldson 5514 Grafton Place Charlotte 28212	James E. Harris 4015 Somerdale Lane Charlotte 28205
Avondale	C. A. Spratt 1431 Montford Drive Charlotte 28209	W. Ray Rose 3612 Moultrie Street Charlotte 28209
Badin	G. A. Rudisill Badin 28009	D. A. Beck Badin 28009
Banks	L. L. Carter Route 3 Waxhaw 28173	F. Park Stephenson Route 2 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
Belk, W. H.	G. W. Hager 1028 Nations Drive Charlotte 28210	Sam Teleshuk 656 Sheryl Circle Charlotte 28210
Benton Heights	Herman Starnes 308 Wilson Street Monroe 28110	Pressley Hinson 1314 Concord Avenue Monroe 28110
Bethany	Paul Whitley Route 5 Monroe 28110	Roy Snipes Route 5 Monroe 28110
Bethel	J. Wilson Knox Route 2, Box 208 Huntersville 28078	Joe R. Washam, Jr. Route 2 Huntersville 28078
Bethlehem	Buford A. Price Route 7, Box 430 Monroe 28110	Louis Brantley 304 Austin Monroe 28110
Beulah	Allen Collins Route 1 Monroe 28110	Ralph Rorie Route 3 Pageland, S. C. 29718
Caldwell Memorial	A. H. Scott 2506 Shenandoah Avenue Charlotte 28205	Mrs. Julia Allen 5717 Lancelot Drive Matthews 28105
Camden	J. Boyce Baker, Jr. 1317 Shannon Drive Wadesboro 28170	Ethel Hildreth Route 4 Wadesboro 28170
Calvary	Bobby Overcash 179 Beverly Drive Concord 28025	W. E. Hastings Route 1, Box 219 Mooresville 28115
Carmel	Sam B. Woods, Jr. 6710 Knightswood Drive Charlotte 28211	Ed Schlirf 3101 Champaign Street Charlotte 28210
Central Steele Creek	Yates W. Reep Route 2, Box 1139-H Charlotte 28210	Charles F. Blackwelder Route 2, Box 1138-D Charlotte 28210

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Charlotte First	Tom M. Mayfield, Jr. 3636 Henshaw Road Charlotte 28209	Richard Kelly, Jr. 2131 Sherwood Ave. Charlotte 28207
Christ	Joe E. Stroud 750 Montford Drive Charlotte 28208	W. E. Carter 6624 Pawnee Drive Charlotte 28214
Commonwealth-Eastminster	W. E. Cochran, Jr. 2126 Markham Ct. Charlotte 28205	C. Wayne Woods 1230 Rollins Ave. Charlotte 28205
Clanton Memorial	Allen W. Estridge, Jr. 911 Yorkmont Road Charlotte 28210	Ben A. Bennett 227 Freeland Lane Charlotte 28210
Cooks Memorial	Paul Thompson, Jr. 822 McClure Circle Charlotte 28216	Robert M. Penninger 187 Gum Branch Road Charlotte 28214
Cornelius	James L. Thornton Route 2 Huntersville 28078	Marvin Bradford Cornelius 28031
Covenant	Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. 2315 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte 28207	Cecil W. Davis, Jr. 2014 Dartmouth Place Charlotte 28207
Davidson College	L. R. King P. O. Box 337 Davidson 28036	W. A. Thompson 532 N. Main Street Davidson 28036
East	Russell Adkins 1313 Hazelhurst Ave. Charlotte 28211	Earl Oxendine 1631 Oline Place Charlotte 28212
First Union	T. J. Helms 4900 Allen Road East Charlotte 28213	D. Jack Mical 5421 Allen Road East Charlotte 28213
Forest Hill	Thomas C. Rogers 4215 Waterbury Drive Charlotte 28209	A. J. Pringle 216 Burleigh St. Charlotte 28211
Hawley Memorial	E. F. Billingsley P. O. Box 4 Polkton 28135	Mrs. E. F. Billingsley P. O. Box 4 Polkton 28135
Hickory Grove	B. Lamar Thomas 6344 Bandy Drive Charlotte 28215	Jay Alexander 5101 Hickory Grove Road Charlotte 28215
Hopewell	William Edward Moss Route 3, Box 470 Huntersville 28078	Jerry M. Pender Route 1, Box 153 Huntersville 28078
Huntersville	J. Y. Barnette Rt. 1, Box 250 Huntersville 28078	Miss Martha Monteith Route 1 Huntersville 28078
Indian Hill	J. W. Morgan Route 2 Stanfield 28163	Lewis Lambert Route 2 Stanfield 28163
Indian Trail	Richard K. Timmons Route 2, Box 456-1 Matthews 28105	Reuben M. Tomberlin Route 1 Indian Trail 28079
Johnston Memorial	James Van Buren 1362 Drexmore Ave. Charlotte 28205	Mrs. James E. Webb 905 Sweetbriar Street Charlotte 28205
Lee Park	John D. Williams Route 4, Box 955 Monroe 28110	Charles E. Williams Route 1 Monroe 28110

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Locust	Ray Parnell Route 1 Stanfield, N. C. 28163	Jimmy Little Route 1, Box 12 Midland 28107
Mallard Creek	Harry S. Kirk Route 10, Box 491 Charlotte 28213	Mrs. Howard Wilson 10028 Mallard Creek Rd. Charlotte 28213
Marshville	Dr. C. A. Bolt P. O. Box 369 Marshville 28103	G. Oscar Perkins Box 301 Marshville 28103
Matthews	J. W. Russell P. O. Box 234 Matthews 28105	Don R. Cofer 341 Bubbling Well Road Matthews 28105
McGee	Ralph Beatty 207 N. Cloudman Street Charlotte 28216	J. Ross Kistler 1125 James Street Charlotte 28216
McQuay Memorial	Jack M. Threatt Route 4, Box 472-A-9 Charlotte 28208	Frank M. Felker, Jr. 3712 Rogers Street Charlotte 28208
Memorial	Van D. Crutchfield Rt. 5, Box 1043-B-3 Charlotte 28208	James R. Price 3423 Farrhill Road Charlotte 28208
Monroe First	Carl A. Boggs, Jr. Route 10, Box 1165 Monroe 28110	Mrs. Sybil G. Fortenberry P. O. Box 593 Monroe 28110
Morven	John N. Wall Route 1, Box 113 Morven 28119	V. L. Wall, Jr. Route 1 Morven 28119
Mulberry	L. W. Byrum 2627 Park Lane Charlotte 28214	D. S. Forbes 2839 Kendrick Drive Charlotte 28214
Myers Park	Edward F. Baesel, Jr. 2311 Overhill Road Charlotte 28207	L. W. Burton 3306 Stanwick Court Charlotte 28211
Newell	Roland Keistler Route 10, Box 461-H Charlotte 28213	W. D. Poteat P. O. Box 21 Newell 28126
New Salem	O. L. Efird Route 2, Box 130 Marshville 28103	C. C. Moore Route 2 Marshville 28103
Norwood	Pete Haire P. O. Box 93 Norwood 28128	Mrs. Sharon Rummage P. O. Box 429 Norwood 28128
Oakboro	Mrs. W. J. McLendon P. O. Box 428 Oakboro 28129	Mrs. W. L. Champion, Sr. Rt. 2, Box 286 PA Stanfield 28163
Pageland	H. H. Houston, Jr. P. O. Box 51 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. George A. Douglas Box 224 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Paw Creek	Howard C. Sharpe, Sr. 251 Enwood Drive Charlotte 28214	B. Richard Baker 218 Sturbridge Drive Charlotte 28214
Philadelphia	Ray H. Waltman Route 3 Matthews 28105	William V. Tilley 3414 Winterfield Place Charlotte 28205
Plaza	David R. Boozer 6837 Dulverton Drive Charlotte 28211	J. Marion Dew, Sr. 1210 Aylesford Road Charlotte 28211

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Pleasant Hill	W. H. Allred Route 1, Box 158 Pineville 28134	J. S. Choate Route 1 Pineville 28134
Providence	Raymond Dietrich Route 3 Waxhaw 28173	R. A. Hudson, Jr. Route 3 Waxhaw 28173
Quail Hollow	Henry R. Williams 3121 Northampton Drive Charlotte 28210	Theron A. McReynolds 6949 Queensbury Road Charlotte 28211
Ramah	Otis C. Gray Route 2, Box 300 Huntersville 28078	J. W. Brown RFD 1, Box 487 Huntersville 28078
Rehoboth	F. A. Gordon P. O. Box 274 Waxhaw 28173	Miss Hope Sims Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Ridgecrest	Ervin Fesperman Route 1 Stanfield 28163	Nettie Almond Route 1 Stanfield 28163
Robinson	Louie F. Miller 3835 N. Sharon-Amity Road Charlotte 28212	Louie F. Miller 3825 N. Sharon-Amity Road Charlotte 28212
St. Andrews	Robert L. Brown, Jr. 2929 Forest Park Drive Charlotte 28209	M. R. McConnell 2900 Park Road Charlotte 28209
St. Giles	Mrs. Clary Phipps 7618 Woodstream Drive Charlotte 28210	Don Balmer 1728 Archdale Drive Charlotte 28210
St. John	A. Perry Read 3241 Brixton Court Charlotte 28205	Neil F. Crossley 2023 Marquesas Drive Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
Salem	Lawrence Phillips Route 1 Mt. Croghan, S. C. 29727	Dennis Thomas Pageland South Carolina 29728
Sardis	L. Hunter Pharr 522 Livingstone Drive Charlotte 28211	Calvin B. Baird, Sr. 5700 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211
Seigle Avenue	Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210
Selwyn Avenue	Frank F. Bateman, Sr. 1144 Molokai, Tega Cay Fort Mill, S. C. 29715	Walter L. Warfford, Jr. 224 Wales Avenue Charlotte 28209
Sharon	Mrs. Reid A. Brown Route 1, Box 419 Pineville 28134	William T. Stanford 3100 Sharon View Road Charlotte 28210
Siler	Douglas Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173	Jerry Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Smallwood	Wymon Griffin 112 Seldon Drive Charlotte 28216	Mrs. B. J. Martin 1421 Plumstead Charlotte 28216
South Tryon	George H. Venable 1028 Tracy Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Veola D. Garrett 3711 Clendon Court Charlotte 28216
Steele Creek	Marcus E. Yandle P. O. Box 215 Charlotte 28201	Harry B. Sparrow Route 4, Box 468-C Charlotte 28208

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Stephenson	James C. Simpson Route 1 Indian Trail 28079	Will R. Kimbrell Route 1 Indian Trail 28079
Sugaw Creek	Miss Mable Todd 4412 Rolling Hills Drive Charlotte 28213	Alan Hunter 5418 Myrica Lane Charlotte 28213
Third	David D. Jordan 4900 Coronado Drive Charlotte 28212	John C. Brown 4411 Woodlark Lane Charlotte 28211
Thomasboro	Samuel T. Peery 2607 Dogwood Circle Charlotte 28208	Bertie H. Long 252 W. LaPorte Drive Charlotte 28208
Trinity	Paul B. Bell 4001 Foxcroft Road Charlotte 28211	S. W. McNairy 6700 Rugby Lane Charlotte 28211
Turner	Charles Biggers Route 10 Monroe 28110	George Simpson Route 10 Monroe 28110
Unionville	E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 620 Monroe 28110	Mrs. E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 620 Monroe 28110
Wadesboro	J. Herbert Hildreth 108 Rose Terrace Wadesboro 28170	W. L. Wildermuth 307 Leak Ave. Wadesboro 28170
Walkersville	Robert L. McCain Route 2 Waxhaw 28173	Gary Brady Route 2 Waxhaw 28173
Waxhaw	J. A. McLean P. O. Box 115 Waxhaw 28173	M. E. Prister Box 295 Waxhaw 28173
Westminster	W. A. McCorkle 245 S. Laurel Avenue Charlotte 28207	Jack Proctor 5610 Folger Drive Charlotte 28211
Westover Hills	Lake Richey 4214 Waterbury Drive Charlotte 28208	Mrs. Merle G. McLester 4218 Gladstone Lane Charlotte 28205
Williams Memorial	R. N. Williams 209 Jackson Drive Charlotte 28213	Don Brown Route 9, Box 402 Charlotte 28208

The Fifth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
Paw Creek, North Carolina
February 27, 1973

The Presbytery convened on the above date in the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church at 9:00 A.M.

The Worship Service was conducted by the retiring Moderator, Gene A. Cathey. Robert J. James and Henry S. Robinson administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper assisted by the Ruling Elders of the host Church.

After the singing of the hymn, "God Of The Prophets", the Presbytery proceeded to the business of the day.

The following Ministers were introduced: Paul Sherrell, First A. R. Presbyterian Church; Robert E. Burnett and R. Zach Thomas, III. Other visitors were duly recognized. Ruling Elders representing their Sessions for the first time were recognized.

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh was elected Moderator by acclamation.

David E. Wilkinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Enrollment was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Leonard H. Bullock, Laura Buzard, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, Oliver W. Carmichael, John A. Carriker, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Charles N. Clegg, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, Kenneth P. Craig, Charles C. Cowsert, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, Arthur S. Gatewood, Warner L. Hall, John M. Handley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Hunter R. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N.

Huneycutt, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, Wilbur D. Kuenzli, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. A. Little, Jr., R. R. Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, James S. Mann, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Eugene P. Poe, Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, R. H. Ramey, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, William C. Rhodes, Jr., Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, Edward C. Wilson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: W. B. H. Corkey, Leighton Ford, Frank A. Mathes, Fred R. McAllister, Jr., T. J. Nash, III, John E. Smylie, David S. Templeton, Jr., Robert Turner, R. Thomas Cheely, Robert C. Benson, A. J. McKelway, Jr.,

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: C. F. Jacks, Neil C. Leach, H. Louis Patrick.

RULING ELDERS: George Stovall, Albemarle; Bob Heath, Albemarle Road; David Mayes, Amay James; John E. Butler, Amity; James H. Boyd, Avondale; R. C. Hinkle, Badin; James R. Perry, Banks; Murray McConnell, Bethel; Hugh Harper, Bethlehem; E. J. Lyerly, Caldwell Memorial; Oscar Gant, Calvary; Charles Joy, Central Steele Creek; Mrs. Sue Kornegay, Charles R. Willard, Charlotte First; G. Milton Allen, Fred A. Griffith, Charlotte Third; B. H. Moore, Christ; Mrs. Harvey B. Hunter, Clanton Memorial; Richard H. Abernethy, Cooks Memorial; D. K. Meigs, Commonwealth-Eastminster; Richard G. Myers, Richard L. Ramey, Sam Ryburn, Covenant; Malcolm Lester, Davidson College; R. Wayne Goodyear, East; John Wood, First Union; D. W. Cathey, Forest Hill; Hamer J. Leach, Hickory Grove; Irwin Vance, Hopewell; C. Herbert Smith, Huntersville; Wilson Nance, Indian Hill; James J. Vickey, Indian Trail; E. R. Hyden, Johnston Memorial; Batte Hunter, Mallard Creek; Charles S. Boyce, Marshville; J. William Russell, Matthews; J. Hoyt Hamilton, McGee; C. A. Cross, McQuay; G. Ross Summerville, Memorial; Fred McCallum, Monroe; C. Speight Gurley, Mulberry; A. Grant Whitney, Richard A. Bigger, Jr., Earl Arthurs, Myers Park; Larry C. Griffie, Newell; Thomas Upchurch, Norwood; Edith L. McLendon, Oakboro; Ray A. Yandle, Pageland; Blair H. Cathey, Paw Creek; Ralph E. Howell, Philadelphia; Joe E. Stegall, Jr., Plaza; H. S. Thompson, Sr., Pleasant Hill; Joe R. Hudson, Providence; J. H. Garrison, Quail Hollow; George C. Mayes. Ramah; R. H. Starnes, Robinson; Mrs. Lonnie Preston, St. Andrews; Elton Parker, St. Giles; B. H. McLean, St. John; Elmer F. Smith, Sardis; Billie J. McFall, Selwyn Avenue; W. Frank Black, Sr., Sharon; Doug Plyler, Siler; Mrs. Annie N. Davis, South Tryon; Mack P. Brown, Lewis F. Camp, Jr., Steele Creek; Leroy Kimbrell, Stephenson; Jesse Dierstein, Sugaw Creek; Evan W. Holyfield, M. L. Winters, Thomasboro; Charles Moore, Trinity; Parks McCorkle, Turner; Mitchell Tyson, Walkersville; T. R. Nisbet, Waxhaw; James R. Henderson, Sr., W. Frank Robinson, Westminster; Charles W. Hickman, Westover Hills; Ralph P. Cochrane, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Benton Heights, Ridgecrest, Salem, Locust.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, W. H. Belk, Beulah, Camden, Carmel, Cornelius, Hawley Memorial, Lee Park, Morven, New Salem, Rehoboth, Seigle Avenue, Smallwood, Unionville, Wadesboro.

The Docket, presented by Warner L. Hall, Court Meetings Committee Chairman, was amended, adopted and is as follows:

THE DOCKET

Recess: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
Recess for Lunch: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
Recess: 3:30-3:45 P.M.

1. Opening Worship—Gene A. Cathey.
2. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Robert J. James and Henry S. Robinson.
3. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren. Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time.
4. Election of Moderator—Ruling Elder A. Walton Litz, Moderator-Nominee.
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—Robert J. James.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures 2. Attendance 3. Tellers
7. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—Warner L. Hall.
8. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees.) (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess.)
9. Report of Treasurer—Calvin B. Baird, Treasurer.
10. Report of General Presbyter—Stated Clerk—J. Cecil Lawrence.
11. Report of Presbytery's Council—Robert J. James.

11 A. Report of Special Committee on Staff Priorities—Roy W. Coker.

12. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. (Includes report of To Enable the Enablers). (Special Order 10:45-12 Noon).
13. Report of Hunger Committee (Special Order 12 Noon-12:30 P.M.)
14. Report of Personnel Committee—Oliver W. Carmichael.
15. Report of Strategy and Research Committee—Randolph Norton.
16. Report of Special Commission re Smallwood Church—Randolph Norton.
17. Report of Interpretations Committee—Charles E. S. Kraemer.
18. Nomination of Moderator Nominee (First Order After Lunch).
19. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Charles C. Cowsert (Second Order After Lunch).
20. Calls for Pastors and Supplies.
21. Commissions to be appointed.
22. Report of Specialized Ministry Committee—L. W. Topping. (Report on Key 73)
23. Report of Office Space Committee—G. Douglas Aitken.
24. Report of Christian Education Committee (15 minutes) Fred C. Holder.
25. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee (10 minutes)—Roy W. Coker.
26. Report of World Missions Committee (10 minutes)—A. T. Trimble, Jr.
27. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
28. Reading and Adoption of Minutes.
29. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction.

Warner L. Hall announced an invitation to First Union Presbyterian Church for the May Meeting of Presbytery, and also an invitation to meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, for the September Meeting. Presbytery accepted.

Robert J. James, host Pastor, reported for the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE

A. Jackson Morrison, Chairman
J. Arthur Beard
John A. Luddy
W. S. Abernethy
Hugh Harper
Billie J. McFall
John Wood

BILLS AND OVERTURES

T. A. Little, Jr., Chairman
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Zane M. Moore
Malcolm R. Williamson
Jesse Dierstein
C. Speight Gurley
Charles H. Hickman
Mrs. Harvey Hunter

TELLERS

J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman
W. M. Boyce
A. Rudolph Hendricks
Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby
A. Leslie Thompson
D. W. Cathey
Bob Heath
Irwin Vance

Warner L. Hall requested approval to send out letters on Presbytery stationery regarding endorsing Charles E. S. Kraemer for Moderator of the 1973 General Assembly. Approved.

The Court recessed for fifteen minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Stated Clerk reported that Joseph F. Condro had requested that he be dismissed to National Capital Union Presbytery. The motion prevailed that when the Stated Clerk receives Mr. Condro's request that he be granted a letter of dismissal to National Capital Union Presbytery. By common consent the General Presbyter was granted permission to do this.

Certificates of Dismissal received for Robert E. Burnett from the Presbytery of Guyandotte and for R. Zach Thomas, III from East Arkansas Presbytery.

Presbytery appointed a Commission composed of the following to examine and receive S. Monroe Busch from Bethel Presbytery into Mecklenburg Presbytery: MINISTERS: Zane M. Moore, Chairman; Eugene P. Poe, J. Cecil Lawrence. RULING ELDERS: James W. Price, R. W. Blackwelder, Jr., Robert F. Stokes.

Resolutions from the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church and the Providence Presbyterian Church were referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. presented the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery on November 28, 1972, the Commission on the Minister and His Work has had two stated meetings and one called meeting, from which the following actions are reported:

1. Motion was passed that the pastoral relation of the Rev. David Kennedy and the Matthews Church be dissolved, effective December 31, 1972 and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to send a letter of transfer for the Rev. David Kennedy to Birmingham Presbytery and his ministry be commended to Birmingham Presbytery.
2. Motion was passed that the Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Sr., be approved to serve as Moderator of the Session and Interim Minister of the Matthews Church for the period, January-March, 1973.
3. Motion was passed that the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joe Condro and the Avondale Church as associate pastor be dissolved, effective December 31, 1972, and that Mr. Condro be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery while doing further study at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.
4. Motion was passed that the Chairman of the Commission communicate to the Strategy and Research Committee its judgment that an Assistant Pastor may not be called for a limited time in view of the General Assembly Digest, p. 210, reports numerous actions of the Assemblies to this effect.
5. A motion was passed that the Commission on behalf of Presbytery dissolve the relation of the Rev. Walter D. Clark and Inter-Church Action of Mecklenburg Presbytery effective January 31, 1973, and that the Commission grant a letter of dismissal and commendation to Mr. Clark to Minneapolis—St. Paul Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and that the call of the Presbytery as minister and missionary be placed in his hands.
6. A motion was passed that the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joe E. Stowe and the First Church, Monroe, N. C., be dissolved, effective January 31, 1973, and that a letter of dismissal and commendation of the Rev. Joe E. Stowe to Pee Dee Presbytery be granted.
7. Motion was passed that the pastoral relation between the Rev. E. T. Thompson, Jr., and the Forest Hill Church be dissolved, effective January 31, 1973, and that a letter of dismissal and commendation be granted to Mr. Thompson to New Orleans Presbytery.
8. The Rev. W. O. Nelson was approved as supply pastor for the Smallwood Church for six months, January 1, 1973, to June 30, 1973.

9. The Rev. Robert E. Burnett was granted permission to move into the manse of the Williams Memorial Church before the next meeting of Presbytery.

10. The following changes in calls were approved:

	Salary Increase	**Auto**	**Other**
William A. Dysard, Jr.	$ 420.00		
Frank Wilkerson	300.00		
C. L. Kirby	505.00		
W. D. Kuenzli	360.00		
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	600.00		
Arthur S. Gatewood	360.00		
James W. Eller	600.00		
John Bush Rogers, Jr.	220.00		*
(*Book allowance increase $100.00; two weeks period of study and	$200.00)		
Robert J. James	520.00		
J. Arthur Beard		$ 300.00	$300.00
Jennings B. Reid	800.00		
Robert W. Rayburn	300.00		
E. P. Poe			300.00
Marcus B. Prince, III	800.00		*
(*M.A.F. increase $320.00 and Group Ins. increase $77.51)			
Paul A. Horne	400.00	200.00	20.00
Robert S. Maclin, III	350.00		
Edward C. Wilson	300.00		100.00*
(*Disability Insurance and one-half Social Security $421.40)			
Russell M. Kerr	600.00	100.00	
Thomas E. MacLean	1,200.00	(Housing allowance instead of a manse $3,480.00)	
J. E. Ratchford (Participating in Disability Insurance per month coverage)			400.00
T. W. Tucker	640.00	300.00	160.00
Joe P. Arnold	330.40		
French B. O'Shields	800.00		
Lewis W. Bledsoe	500.00		
A. Jack Morrison	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.		200.00	920.00
Robert S. MacLin, III (Add Disability Insurance)			
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	300.00		
James A. Cannon	600.00		
Eldon D. Wadsworth	1,000.00		
J. Benjamin Kirkland	600.00		
Zane M. Moore	500.00		
Edward B. Cooper	300.00		

11. The Rev. R. W. Cousar was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Sessions for the Bethany-Altan Churches for a period of three months, March, April and May, 1973.

12. The Rev. T. Duke Williams was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Sessions for the Bethany-Altan Churches for a period of three months, March, April and May, 1973.

13. The Rev. Robert Turner was appointed as Moderator of Session of the Monroe First Church, Monroe, N. C.

14. Dr. W. M. Boyce was appointed as Moderator of Session of Forest Hill Church, Charlotte, N. C., for a period of 3 months from March 1, 1973.

15. A report from Chaplain David G. Boyce was received and Chaplain Boyce commended for his work in the U. S. Army Chap-

laincy and the Chairman was requested to report on Chaplain Boyce's work to the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED:

1. That Presbytery appoint a commission to meet, at his request, with the Rev. S. Monroe Busch (who is ill) and if the way be clear, receive him into Mecklenburg Presbytery. We further recommend that the following persons be named to this commission: The Rev. Zane Moore, chairman, the Rev. Eugene P. Poe, the Rev. J. Cecil Lawrence, James W. Price, R. W. Blackwelder, Jr., Robert F. Stokes.

2. That the Call of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church to the Rev. R. Zachariah Thomas, III to serve as the Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Pastoral Care be found in order and placed in his hands, pending his examination.

   The terms of his call are as follows:

Salary*	$8,000.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Housing Allowance	3,600.00
Group Life and Medical Insur. for minister & his family	485.51
Disability Insurance	120.96
Four (4) weeks vacation	
Two (2) weeks educational option with an allowance toward expenses	250.00
Moving expenses	
Annual review of terms of call	
*20% designated as manse expenses	
10% M.A.F.	

3. That the Call of the Williams Memorial Church to the Rev. Robert E. Burnett be found in order and placed in his hands, pending his examination.

   The terms of his call are as follows:

Salary	$8,000.00
Ministers Annuity Fund	10%
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Book Allowance	120.00
Hospital Insurance for minister and family	
Full Social Security	
All utilities (except long distance calls)	
One month vacation	
One week annual leave for continuing education	
Manse	

4. That Mr. Robert Stokes, a former member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, be invited to present to Presbytery a program on "To Enable the Enablers", featuring the Rev. Kenneth B. Orr, Chairman, Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on the Church's Use of Her Ordained Ministry.

5. That Presbytery hear a brief report by Dr. Eugene P. Poe on the status of the Disability Insurance Plan.

A motion prevailed that the matter of "minimum salary requirements previously established" be referred back to the Commission on the Minister and His Work for study and report to the May Meeting of Presbytery.

As a part of the Commission's report, Presbytery heard Kenneth Orr discuss "To Enable The Enabler" and discussion followed.

Near High Noon, the report of the Hunger Committee was presented. Mr. William E. McIntire, Planning Director for the City of Charlotte, spoke.

The Court recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M. Prayer for God's blessing and thanksgiving was voiced by M. R. Williamson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Thomas A. Little, Jr. was elected Moderator in Nomination for the May Meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations was presented by Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman.

Robert E. Burnett, dismissed from Guyandotte Presbytery and called to the Williams Memorial Church, and R. Zach Thomas, III, dismissed from East Arkansas Presbytery and called as Associate Pastor of the Steele Creek Church, were presented for reception.

Mr. Burnett made a statement as to his personal religious experience and basic beliefs. These were approved as satisfactory and the motion prevailed receiving him into the Presbytery upon signing the Roll Book. His call to the Williams Memorial Church was approved, placed in his hands and by him accepted.

R. Zach Thomas, III made a statement as to his personal religious experience, basic beliefs and sense of call. These were sustained as satisfactory, and the motion prevailed that he be received into the Presbytery upon receipt of his letter of dismissal from East Arkansas Presbytery. The call for his services as Associate Pastor of the Steele Creek Church was placed in his hands and accepted.

See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for the terms of the calls for Mr. Burnett and Mr. Thomas.

The following Commissions were appointed to install Robert E. Burnett and R. Zach Thomas, III:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ROBERT E. BURNETT AS PASTOR OF THE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973 AT 4:00 P.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Eldon D. Wadsworth, To preach the Sermon.

Marcus B. Prince, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Angus R. Shaw, Jr., To deliver the charge to the Congregation.

H. T. Auten, Scripture Reading

W. W. White, Prayer.

T. R. Black

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL R. ZACH THOMAS, III AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1973, AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

H. Louis Patrick, To preach the Sermon.

J. Cecil Lawrence, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

R. Zach Thomas, Jr.

David R. Wilson, To deliver the charge to the Congregation.

J. B. Watt.

James R. Nisbet.

J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., Chairman of the Candidates Committee, made the following motion which was approved: That the name of Mrs. James Downey (formerly Eleanor Anne Pepi) be removed from Mecklenburg Presbytery's Candidates for Lay Service Roll at her own request.

Calvin B. Baird presented the Treasurer's Report which was adopted.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY'S CENTRAL TREASURER FINANCIAL REPORT—1972

Benevolences on hand January 12, 1972	$ 18,953.00
RECEIPTS 1972	
Benevolences	$837,940.84
Rent Camp Stewart Manse	832.50
Boyd Memorial Fund Interest	2,684.27
Alexander Fund Interest	369.51
Labor—Sylvester Osborne	4.37
N. C. Tax Fefund	270.83
Refund—C. E. to Council	708.40
Registrations, Refunds, C. E. Committee	2,506.91
Insurance Refunds, Osborne, Camp Stewart	701.50
Total Budgeted Benevolences	$864,972.13
Sale Camp Stewart	107,868.08
Designated Alexander Children's Center	500.00
World Missions Youth Conference	2,277.50
Price Estate for Church Extension	500.00
Grand Total	$976,117.71
DISBURSEMENTS 1972	
A. General Assembly	$406,471.67
Non-Budgeted, Easter, Etc.	12,105.00
B. Synod of North Carolina	273,346.22
C. Mecklenburg Presbytery	
1. Minister and His Work	1,021.24
2. Christian Education	16,654.85
3. Presbytery's Council	21,765.85
4. Court Meetings	480.00
5. Deployment—Sustentation	58,924.52
6. Evaluation—Review	40.00
7. Institutional Ministries	17,683.24

8. Interpretation Committee	5.00
10. Pre-Ordination-Examination	6,569.51
12. Specialized Ministry	18,198.00
13. Strategy—Research	662.50
14. World Missions Committee	199.56
(Committees 9, 11, 15—No Expenses)	
Total Budgeted	$834,126.68
To Presbyterian Foundation (Camp Stewart Funds)	107,748.08
Revenue Stamps	120.00
Alexander Children's Center	500.00
World Missions Youth Conference	2,277.50
Grand Total	$944,772.26
Benevolences on hand January 12, 1973	$ 31,345.45
Less Restructuring General Assembly 1973	12,000.00
Balance	$ 19,345.45
Less Restructuring Synod 1973	3,538.30
Benevolences on hand January 12, 1973	$ 15,807.15
Savings Account—Union National Bank	$ 8,388.57
Savings Account—N. C. N. B.	$ 719.01

C. B. Baird, Central Treasurer
Mecklenburg Presbytery

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY'S BUSINESS FUND FINANCIAL REPORT—1972

Balance on hand January 12, 1972	$ 1,516.92
RECEIPTS 1972	76,022.32
Total	$77,539.24
DISBURSEMENTS 1972	
Office of General Presbyter and Stated Clerk	
Salaries, Taxes, Social Security	$22,309.88
Ministers' Annuity Fund—Dr. Lawrence	1,465.00
Hospitalization—Lawrence, Bullard	558.25
Discretionary Fund	886.68
Postage, Supplies	1,942.24
Phone	782.43
Total	$27,944.48
General Presbytery Expenses	
General Assembly Assessment	$18,674.58
Synod of N. C. Assessment	18,239.13
Hosting Presbytery	400.00
Minutes of Presbytery	2,351.41
Parking	208.65
Total	$39,873.77
Office of Central Treasurer	
Salaries, Taxes, Social Security	$ 5,238.96
Hospitalization—Walsh	150.81
Rent	1,122.00
Phone	248.74
Postage, Supplies	299.29
Total	$ 7,059.80
Total Business Fund	$74,878.05
Balance on Hand January 12, 1973	$ 2,661.19

C. B. Baird
Central Treasurer
Mecklenburg Presbytery

The General Presbyter presented his report requesting Honorable Retirement as of April 30, 1973. Motion was made and carried that Presbytery concur with J. Cecil Lawrence in his request that he be retired as of April 30, 1973. After many expressions of gratitude for Dr. Lawrence's great service to us all, the General Presbyter's report was admitted to the record and the recommendation adopted.

Report of General Presbyter—Stated Clerk

The new boundaries of Presbyteries in the Synod of North Carolina became effective January 1, 1972. Churches in Montgomery and Richmond Counties became members of Fayetteville Presbytery. The Davidson College Presbyterian Church and Calvary of Davidson became members of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Total number of Churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery—89. On January 1, 1972, there were 114 active Ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and 21 Honorably Retired, making an enrollment of Ministers in Presbytery of 135. On January 1, 1973, there were 116 active Ministers and 19 Honorably Retired, making a total of 135. During 1972, 14 Ministers were received into Mecklenburg Presbytery and 9 Ministers were dismissed. Pastoral relationships dissolved—14; Pastoral relationships established—13. There are now 19 vacant churches. Several of these are seeking Ministers, and others are not due to the fact that they are small churches and not grouped with any other church or churches.

It is hoped that the Committee on Strategy and Research will make recommendations to Mecklenburg Presbytery concerning relocating, merging, etc. of churches after serious study.

Mecklenburg Presbytery, during the past years, has secured several church sites. It may be after thorough studies that these will not be used on which to erect churches, and if there is no reason for a church to be there, in all probability, Presbytery will offer them for sale.

Presbytery is operating under the new Manual, and since its inception, from time to time Presbytery has made expedient changes. The Manual will be put in permanent form when the Presbytery directs its Committee on the Manual to put it in pamphlet form.

The Staff of Presbytery's Office has tried in every way possible to be of assistance to Committees of Presbytery. The Staff of Presbytery's Office consists of J. Cecil Lawrence, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk; Miss Annette Bullard, Secretary, and from time to time additional secretarial help when necessary. The Committees of Presbytery have been most cooperative and understanding, and we have enjoyed working with and for them.

The General Presbyter has tried to attend as many meetings of Committees as possible, however, at times, there were conflicts. He has spent more time perhaps with the Commission on the Minister and His Work than any other Committee of Presbytery.

In 1957, one of the great, if not the greatest honor was bestowed upon me as I was called to become Executive Secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Fifteen years is a right long run and stay. All in all, these have been for me and my family; good years because of your patience, cooperation and forgiveness. With your devotion and efforts, there are some visible signs of progress which are tangible and can be seen. But the greatest of these blessings are within—intangible—but very real.

As to the future, it is in God's hands. I am making myself available, not only to the Church at home, but also to the Board of World Missions to be used anywhere God may call. Two Tours have been scheduled for 1973; one leaving in April to the Middle East and Europe and to the Congo (Zaire) in the fall.

The passing of time makes necessary new faces and different programs. Nothing is more certain than change. With the enlarging of the work of Mecklenburg Presbytery, I can see the need for perhaps additional personnel. As our Lord said to Moses, "Keep Marching". He is saying to us with devotion, sacrifice, and dedication, "Keep Marching". The Future is radiant with hope.

RECOMMENDATION:

I request that the Presbytery of Mecklenburg dissolve my relationship as General Presbyter—Stated Clerk effective April 30, 1973, and that I be Honorably Retired as of that date.

J. Cecil Lawrence
General Presbyter—Stated Clerk

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Church Year—1972

Ruling Elders	1181
Deacons	1159
Added on Profession	746
Other Gains	1762
Losses	2609
Communicants	35,282
Adult Baptisms	251
Infant Baptisms	454
Sunday School Enrollment	21,240

1.	Assembly's Causes	$ 403,803
2.	Synod's Causes	271,341
3.	Presbytery's Causes	169,905
4.	Total Budgeted Benevolences	845,049
5.	Assembly's Non-Budgeted Causes	74,647
6.	Synod's Non-Budgeted Causes	118,815
7.	Presbytery's Non-Budgeted Causes	30,509
8.	Congregational Missions	116,326
9.	Miscellaneous Contributions	133,382
10.	Total Non-Budgeted Benevolences	473,679
11.	Total to all Benevolences	1,318,728
12.	Current Expenses	3,798,763
13.	Building Fund Receipts	851,329
14.	Total all Contributions	$5,968,820

Robert J. James gave the report of Presbytery's Council. Recommendations were adopted.

1. That Presbytery grant permission to the Christian Education Committee to have a Communion Service conducted by Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer at their Young Adult Retreat March 16-18 at Camp Bethelwood.
2. That Presbytery grant permission to the Women of the Church to have a Communion Service at their Presbyterial Meeting March 27 conducted by The Reverend Laura Buzard or The Reverend Robert J. James.
3. That Presbytery receive as information the act of Council in approving the payment of surplus funds to Synod "B" of the .10 per

capita tax for 1972-73 for restructuring costs; and further that any of the churches of Presbytery that are in a position to do so be encouraged to reimburse the Presbytery for this payment at their pro-rata share.

The following overture was adopted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to mail this to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the 113th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

WHEREAS, The Board of Annuities and Relief, having demonstrated an outstanding and businesslike service under its present structure, has inspired our confidence, and

WHEREAS, the funds committed to the care of the Board of Annuities and Relief partake of the nature of a trust rather than program funds or venture capital, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Annuities and Relief has demonstrated a willingness to make continuing study and adjustment of its operation, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Annuities and Relief, not being a program board but a trustee group, may be hindered in carrying out its designated responsibility if the Board is involved in the plan of restructuring;

THEREFORE, The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the 113th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States

1. To continue the Board of Annuities and Relief under its present structure without any change in its present responsibilities or relationship to the General Assembly.
2. To encourage the Board of Annuities and Relief to continue its policy of study and updating its procedures and policies.

Roy W. Coker reported for James E. Fogartie on the Special Committee on Staff Priorities. No recommendations were involved, and the report was received as information.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman, and adopted.

Committee Replacements

Interpretation Committee
Mrs. J. Cecil Lawrence, Class of 1974, to replace
Miss Ann Caldwell, resigned

Institutional Ministries
Robert L. Morgan, Jr., Class of 1973, to replace
Walter D. Clark, resigned

Deployment and Sustentation Committee
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Class of 1974, to replace
Joe E. Stowe, resigned

Strategy and Research Committee
French B. O'Shields, Jr., Class of 1975, to replace
Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., resigned.

Christian Education

David S. Templeton, Class of 1973, to replace
Joseph F. Condro, resigned.

Arthur S. Gatewood, Class of 1974, to replace
David C. Kennedy, resigned.

Following further nominations from the floor, balloting for Commissioners to the General Assembly which meets June 10-15, 1973 at Fort Worth, Texas, was engaged in. The following is the results of the balloting, and the motion prevailed that those so named be duly elected as Principal and Alternate Commissioners.

Ministers

Principals: Charles E. S. Kraemer, Joe P. Arnold, James A. Cannon, Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Edward C. Wilson, Robert S. Maclin, III, James N. Biggers, Carl T. Uzzell.

Alternates: J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., Horace E. Stoessel, Neely McCarter, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., William A. Dysard, Jr., Charles L. Kirby, John A. Luddy, Jr.

Ruling Elders

Principals: Joseph W. Grier, Jr. (Charlotte First), James W. Price (Central Steele Creek), W. Frank Black, Sr., (Sharon), A. Walton Litz (Myers Park), Mrs. W. T. Anderson (Sardis), Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), John E. Butler (Amity), Joseph T. Drake (Davidson College).

Alternates: Otis C. Gray (Ramah), Miss Mabel Todd (Sugaw Creek), Evan W. Holyfield (Thomasboro), Robert Lee McCain (Walkersville), W. A. "Lex" Hood (Matthews), Tom Rogers (Forest Hill), David L. Grier (Amay James), Charles W. Hickman (Westover Hills).

Youth Delegate

Principal: William Frederick Dotger, III (Williams Memorial).

Alternate: Donald Eric Stroud (Christ).

The Court recessed for fifteen minutes.

Randolph Norton reported for the Committee on Strategy and Research. Information was given on Amay James, W. H. Belk, and Commonwealth-Eastminster and Albemarle Road situations. Received as information.

Randolph Norton, Chairman of the Commission appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery to study the Smallwood Presbyterian Church program, etc. presented Mrs. Bobbie Berry to Presbytery who spoke concerning the challenge provided by the Smallwood Church and community. The following recommendation by the Commission was approved:

The Commission appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery on the Smallwood Presbyterian Church makes the following recommendation:

That Mecklenburg Presbytery amend its 1973 budget, so as to include the authorization of up to $15,000 for the Smallwood Presbyterian Church.

This $15,000 would include the $5,000 in the current budget of Presbytery for this church, and the $6,000 of contingency funds now being used by Council for restoration, renovation, and rehabilitation of the Smallwood property. Presbytery by this action thus authorizes the budgeting of $4,000 additional for Smallwood for the year 1973.

Presbytery also authorizes the budgeting of up to $15,000 annually for the Smallwood church, beginning with 1974, subject to the continuing review and oversight by the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, with the view toward the Smallwood congregation bearing an increasing ratio of its budget as the congregation grows and develops.

This authorization underscores the intent of Presbytery to support effectively the Smallwood congregation in the years ahead, thus expressing Presbytery's determination to enable this congregation to fulfill its mission.

Smallwood Commission

Elders	**Ministers**
A. Walton Litz	Leonard H. Bullock
Randolph Norton, Chr.	James E. Fogartie
Edward F. Parnell	Carl Uzzell

Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. lead a prayer in behalf of the Smallwood Church.

Roy W. Coker submitted the report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee. The following was admitted to record:

For Information

1. Presbytery's Council referred to this Committee the $500 bequest from the estate of Mrs. W. E. Price, Sr. for distribution at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee granted this money to the Indian Hill Church in Stanly County for use on the construction of an Educational Building.

2. The Spending Budget for 1973:

A. **Sustentation to Churches**			
Amay James	$ 3,900		
W. H. Belk	2,100		
Calvary	4,000		
Seigle Avenue	13,800		
Smallwood	5,000		
South Tryon	6,000		
Stephenson	2,500*		
Unassigned Funds	2,000**		
Total Sustentation	$39,300		$39,300
B. **Extension Work**			
Albemarle Road Church Expansion Fund		$ 3,500	
Benton Heights Church Building Fund		3,500	
Pleasant Hill Church Building Fund		17,000	
Contingency Fund		1,000	
Total Extension		$25,000	$25,000
C. Committee Operating Expenses		200	200
Total Budget			$64,500

***Note:** The Stephenson Church is now without a pastor. This amount will be adjusted according to need, when the church calls a pastor.

****Note:** The Committee has before it at present several requests; when a need has been determined an appropriation will be made.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Presbytery express its appreciation to the Pastor, the

Officers, and members of the congregation of the East Presbyterian Church for their growth which has enabled them to assume full financial support of their program. This step indicates foresight and leadership on the part of the officers of this congregation, and that further, Presbytery assure this congregation of our interest and concern in the work and witness of this congregation.

2. The Albemarle Road Church indicated to the Committee last fall that they would assume full support of their current expenses beginning in 1973, provided we would grant them $3,500 for expansion of their present facilities. The Committee and Presbytery agreed to this arrangement. Therefore, Presbytery expresses to this Church its appreciation for their taking the significant step toward full self-support, and assures the congregation of our continued interest and concern in the work and witness of this congregation.

The report of the Interpretations Committee, made by Chairman Charles E. S. Kraemer, was received and approved as FIRST READING:

(1) That the Manual of Presbytery, Page 10, 5-2 (2)b, setting forth the functions of the Strategy and Research Committee be amended to read as follows: This Committee shall engage in comprehensive studies of the situations confronting our Presbytery and its churches employing whatever surveys, sociological studies, and statistical data that may be available or can be obtained. This may include population patterns, membership changes, giving habits or whatever other pertinent information may be deemed necessary for arriving at strategies to mobilize our resources to carry out our mission. These strategies shall include application to the development of guidelines for the establishing of new churches, the dissolving of existing churches, and the grouping or merging or relocating of churches. The Chairman of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, or his appointed representative, shall serve as an ex-officio member of this Committee. In matters which would involve action by the Deployment and Sustentation Committee the Strategy and Research Committee shall consult with the Deployment and Sustentation Committee. The Strategy and Research Committee shall be available to other committees for assistance. FIRST READING.

(2) That the name of the Deployment and Sustentation of Churches Committee be changed to the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, omitting "of churches". FIRST READING.

(3) That the Manual of Presbytery, Page 10 5-2 (3)b, setting forth the functions of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee be amended to read as follows: This Committee shall make recommendations to Presbytery and implement recommendations concerning: (a) the establishing of new churches; (b) the dissolving of existing churches; and (c) the grouping or merging or relocating of churches.

1) This Committee shall review and approve the total budget of aid-receiving churches (no matter what the amount of aid received) before Presbytery benevolence funds can be allocated.

Any building program (including the architectural plans) envisioned by an aid-receiving church must be approved by this Committee.

2) Requests for approval or co-signing of loans for local churches must be approved by this Committee prior to their presentation to the Council and Presbytery. FIRST READING.

L. W. Topping made the report for the Committee on Specialized Ministry. Received as information.

G. Douglas Aitken made a progress report to Presbytery concerning Office Space for Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was submitted by Fred C. Holder, Chairman. Mr. Holder introduced Mrs. Judy Fletcher who spoke to Presbytery about a youth activity, "Our World and Welcome To It" to be held at Peace College, Raleigh, August 3-11, 1973.

Joe P. Arnold of the Committee reminded Presbytery that Churches wishing to help some young people this summer can sponsor youths at a summer camp. Contact the Camp Committee or the Church needing support. Dates for summer camps will be published soon on registration forms.

A. T. Trimble, Jr., Chairman of World Missions Committee, presented a slide presentation on World Missions. This report was received as information.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

We, the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, meeting in the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church this 27th day of February, 1973, lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God our Father for the spiritual blessings we received in the worship service of the morning and as we were made one in spirit with our Lord Jesus Christ while we gathered at His table of Communion. We rejoice in the importance of the Laymen's witness for Christ in the life of the Church emphasized by our retiring Moderator, Ruling Elder Gene Cathey, under the title "Our Call". To the officers and members of the Paw Creek Church we express our sincere gratitude for their gracious hospitality and for the proficiency with which they have provided for our every comfort and need. We have enjoyed a bountiful lunch, efficiently served. Committee rooms, telephones, secretarial assistance, and delicious refreshments have been constantly available. While our hearts are filled with joy at all the provisions made for this meeting by our host church, yet they are also twinged with sadness when we remember this to be the last meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery which shall benefit from the outstanding service of our dedicated General Presbyter and Stated Clerk the Reverend Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence. For the rich blessings to both churches and individuals which have come through him during his years as Pastor and then as Presbytery Officer we give praise to God our Father. May our Lord Jesus Christ use him even more richly in his work of the future than in the past. In witness of our deep sincerity we, the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, stand as one man and simply say to you, Dr. Lawrence, "Thank you! Thank you so very much!"

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by Thomas A. Little, Jr., Chairman. The Resolution from the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church relative to an open meeting about the problems of the Church today was approved and referred to Presbytery's Council for implementation.

The Resolution from the Providence Presbyterian Church regarding busing was received as information.

Under New Business, Douglas W. Oldenburg made the following motion which was adopted: That Presbytery request

Council to establish a Task Force to explore the need for and the possibility of creating a Mecklenburg Presbytery Counseling Center.

It was voted to adjourn, and the Court adjourned following Benediction by the Moderator to meet at the First Union Presbyterian Church on May 22, 1973 at 9:00 A.M.

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

David E. Wilkinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

5th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

February 27, 1973

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR		PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Sept.,	1957	Plaza	Rev. Ben F. Moore
Jan.,	1958	Badin Church	Rev. W. B. McSwain
April,	1958	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Jas. R. Cook
July,	1958	Central Steele Creek	Rev. Robert Turner
Sept.,	1958	Camp Stewart	Rev. J. S. Garner
Jan.,	1959	Biscoe Church	Rev. J. E. Wayland, Jr.
April,	1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Yandle
July,	1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept.,	1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan.,	1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April,	1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July,	1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Forgartie
Sept.,	1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April,	1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July,	1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct.,	1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan.,	1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
Apr.,	1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July,	1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct.	1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan.	1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April,	1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July,	1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct.	1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan.	1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April,	1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hildebrandt
July,	1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct.,	1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan.,	1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April,	1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July,	1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct.,	1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan.,	1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
Apr.,	1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July,	1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct.,	1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
Apr.,	1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July,	1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct.,	1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan.,	1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April,	1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct.,	1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan.,	1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April,	1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct.	1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb.,	1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May,	1970	Third Church	Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Jr.
Sept.,	1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov.,	1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb.,	1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May,	1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept.,	1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Boyd, Jr.
Nov.,	1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb.	1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May	1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept.	1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov.	1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb.	1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh

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Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
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6th Stated Meeting
First Union Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 22, 1973

Next Stated Meeting
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MAY 22, 1973

Next Stated Meeting
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 25, 1973

DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

1973

Officers Of The Presbytery:

Thomas A. Little, Jr., Moderator of May Meeting, 2201 Springdale Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28203

Robert J. James, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk. (1976) P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28201

Treasurer: Calvin B. Baird, P. O. Box 4346, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C., 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—Robert Turner (3), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Graeme M. Keith (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr., Chairman, 1015 Habersham Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

1973—Herbert H. Browne, Jr. (Charlotte First)

1974—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale) (Chm.)

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C., 28212

Ministers

1973—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1973—Charles L. Kirby
1974—Jennings B. Reid
1975—Russell M. Kerr (Chm.)
1975—Thornton W. Tucker

Elders

1973—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity)
1973—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1974—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)
1974—James H. Barnhardt (Covenant)
1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, 1402 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1973—Zane M. Moore
1973—Charles C. Cowsert (Chm.)
1974—John E. Smylie
1974—J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.
1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Elders

1973—Harry D. Watson (Amity)
1973—John E. Boyd (Sardis)
1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1974—Alfred Canon (Myers Park)
1974—W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon)
1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Ave.)

2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers	**Elders**
1973—Eugene P. Poe	1973—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1973—Henry S. Robinson	1973—Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Ave.)
1974—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. (Chm.)	1974—Frontis W. Johnston, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1974—Frank H. Caldwell	1974—Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant)
1975—Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	1975—William O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Kenneth P. Craig	1975—Glenn D. Hunt (Cook's Memorial)

A. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Horace E. Stoessel, Chairman, 2400 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers	**Elders**
1973—H. E. Stoessel (Chm.)	1973—M. E. Alexander (Christ)
1974—A. Rudolph Hendricks	1974—James M. Painter (Paw Creek)
1975—Robert O. Freeman	1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman, Route 9—Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1973—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh (Chm.)	1973—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale)
1974—W. M. Boyce	1974—Roland M. Smith (Christ)
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe	1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1973—David S. Templeton	1973—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)
1973—W. C. Rhodes, Jr.	1973—Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First)
1973—James W. Eller	1973—William L. Anderson (Sardis)
1973—Joe P. Arnold	1973—Miss Peggy Barnes (Covenant)
1974—Laura I. Buzard	1973—Samuel T. Cornwell (Westminster)
1974—Arthur S. Gatewood	1974—Mrs. Morgan Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)
1974—Glenn L. Hill	1974—John M. McCaskill (Sardis)
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)	1974—John M. Baughman (Covenant)
1975—M. B. Prince, III	1974—Samuel G. Weir (Carmel)
	1974—H. H. Blackwell (Calvary)
	1975—Anthony S. Abbott, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
	1975—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry)
	1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
	1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
	1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries
J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, P. O. Box 17654, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers

1973—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.
1974—J. Arthur Beard (Chm.)
1975—Thomas J. Nash, III

Lay Members

1973—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant)
1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)

2. Strategy and Research

Randolph Norton, Chairman, 5201 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C., 28211

Ministers

1973—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1973—James E. Fogartie
1974—Leonard H. Bullock
1974—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1975—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1975—Carl T. Uzzell

Lay Members

1973—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1973—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1974—A. Walton Litz (Myers Park)
1974—Randolph Norton (Sardis) (Chm.)
1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)

3. Deployment and Sustentation of Churches

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1973—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1973—Robert S. Maclin, III
1974—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
1974—James E. Ratchford
1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
1975—George L. Ducker

Lay Members

1973—William T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1973—W. Harvey Morrison, Jr. (Monroe First)
1974—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)
1974—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1975—Carl Dumford (Caldwell Memorial)
1975—Leroy Morrison (Westminster)

4. Specialized Ministry

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1973—Leonard W. Topping (Chm.)
1973—Robert W. Rayburn
1974—Friedrich Schilling
1974—Glenn B. Robinson
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1975—A. J. Morrison

Lay Members

1973—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1974—W. E. Moss (Hopewell)
1974—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1975—Mrs. Don Kellam (Providence)
1975—Harvey Poole (Williams Memorial)
1975—Howard S. White (Hopewell)

5. World Missions

A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman, 2325 Pender Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1973—F. A. Mathes
1974—Eldon D. Wadsworth
1975—G. Carswell Hughs

Lay Members

1973—A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Chm.) (Charlotte First)
1974—Mrs. Emmett Crook (Covenant)
1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

Oliver W. Carmichael, Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—W. A. Dysard, Jr. (Unexpired term)	1973—Olson Huff, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1973—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	1973—Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
1974—Leonard H. Bullock	1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1974—Zane M. Moore	1974—Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Ave.)
1975—Thomas W. MacLean	1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1975—Oliver W. Carmichael	1975—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1402 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—William D. Morton	1973—Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1974—Frank C. Wilkinson	1974—John E. Butler (Amity)
1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)	1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Charles E. S. Kraemer, Chairman, 1205 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond, Va. 23227

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—H. Louis Patrick	1973—J. Price Robinson (Commonwealth-Eastminster)
1974—Charles E. S. Kraemer (Chm.)	1974—Mrs. J. Cecil Lawrence (Covenant)
1975—Earl R. MacCormac	1975—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)

2. Worship

James A. Cannon, Chairman, P. O. Box 26193, Charlotte, N. C., 28213

Ministers	Lay Members
1973—Richard C. Brand, Jr.	1973—Mrs. Olson Huff (Forest Hill)
1974—James A. Cannon (Chm.)	1974—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1975—Robert S. Hough	1975—G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Avenue)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home Of Charlotte, Inc.

1973—John A. Tate, Sr. (Davidson College)	1975—Frank H. Caldwell
1974—John D. Hicks (Covenant)	1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)

Inter Church Action Board

Ministers	Lay Members
1975—A. Rudolph Hendricks	1975—F. Wayne Lee, M.D. (Myers Park)
1975—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	1975—Mrs. H. R. Hrabanek (Providence)
	1975—James Dennis Rash (Charlotte First)
	1975—Phillip McKinnon (Plaza)
	1975—William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park)
	1975—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)

Special Committee on Staff Priorities

James E. Fogartie, Chairman, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, N. C., 28207

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ROLL OF MINISTERS	Church
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Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	
Leighton S. Ford	Evangelist
G. E. Dixon	W. H. Belk
James E. Fogartie	Myers Park
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Amay James
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Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	
Robert S. Woodson, H.R.	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	
Daniel L. Durway	Graduate Student
David G. Boyce	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	Director of Child Care, Alexander Children's Center
Charles Betts Huntley	Foreign Missionary
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	Sugaw Creek
John M. Handley	
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping	Charlotte First (Associate)
J. Arthur Beard	Westminster (Associate)
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe	Westminster
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Myers Park (Associate)
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	
Paul W. Beazley	Graduate School
Paul A. Horne	Johnston Memorial
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ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
Eldon D. Wadsworth	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third
Charles M. Murray	Graduate School
Oliver W. Carmichael	Sharon
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
Robert J. James,	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Chaplain
A. Leslie Thompson	Clanton Memorial (Stated Supply)
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	Selwyn Avenue
Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
James N. Biggers	Badin
Henry S. Robinson	Memorial
Carl T. Uzzell	St. John
John E. Smylie	President, Queens College
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
Wilbur D. Kuenzli	Plaza (Associate)
James A. Cannon	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	
John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	Ridgecrest
H. E. Stoessel	
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	Providence
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C. Franklin Jacks	Professor, Queens College
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Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash	Walkersville
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	Newell
F. A. Mathes	Huntersville
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
James W. Eller	Robinson
W. C. Rhodes	Sharon (Assistant)
Joe P. Arnold	Sardis (Associate)
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
Miss Laura Buzard	Dilworth Methodist Church, Associate
T. A. Little, Jr.	St. Andrews
A. J. Morrison	Third (Associate)
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
James H. Shackelford	Professor
Charles N. Clegg	Sugaw Creek (Associate)
Robert O. Freeman	Albemarle Road (Associate)
David S. Templeton, Jr.	Myers Park (Assistant)
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Hunter R. Hill	Grad. School
Earl R. MacCormac	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Assistant)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
R. Thomas Cheely	Locust
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
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S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	
Robert H. Teed	Philadelphia (Associate)
William M. Edwards, II	Monroe First
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Robert Lee Nichols, Jr.	Avondale (Associate)
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	Davidson College (Assistant)

Total Ministers **136**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

John Clyde Brown, Columbia Seminary, Third Church

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

James Craig Butler, Louisville Seminary, Amity Church

William B. Carr, Jr., Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Wayne G. Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

Kermit Braxton Garriss, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Shirley Ann Gilliam, Union Seminary, New York, Covenant Church

Benny Eugene Gurley, Louisville Seminary, Mulberry Church

Gerald B. Hurst, Union Seminary, Philadelphia Church

Charles F. Klotzberger, Union Seminary, Sharon Church

George H. Kuykendall, Jr., Covenant Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Stephen H. Marion, Navy, Amity Church

Timothy Derr Mayes, U. N. C.—Charlotte, Ramah Church

David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Robert Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Thomas K. Pettus, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Jon Watson Regen, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Donald Eric Stroud, Princeton, Christ Church

Alan Maurice Wentz, Richmond, Va., Amity Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

Robert C. Wilson, Belhaven College, Locust Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
April 10, 1973

The Presbytery met and was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh. The hymn, "The Lord's My Shepherd" (Crimond) was sung.

A quorum was declared present.

Thomas C. Bryan was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting and Miss Annette Bullard Assistant Clerk.

Marcus B. Prince, III was elected Chairman of the Committee on Attendance, and made the following report.

ENROLLMENT: The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, John A. Carriker, R. Thomas Cheely, Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., W. B. H. Corkey, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, Hunter R. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, A. Rudolph Hendricks, G. Carswell Hughs, Robert J. James, C. F. Jacks, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Charles L. Kirby, W. D. Kuenzli, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, R. R. Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Thomas W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, J. Harold McKeithen, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., James S. Mann, Frank A. Mathes, Zane M. Moore, A. Jackson Morrison, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Eugene P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert H. Ramey, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, John B. Rogers, Jr., Glenn B. Robinson, Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, David S. Templeton, Jr., R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Carl T. Uzzell, J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., Eldon W. Wadsworth, David E. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle Road, Clyde M. Bingman; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Gilbert Graham; Benton Heights, Mrs. W. R. Terry; Bethlehem, Brent B. Haigler; Caldwell Memorial, E. J. Lyerly; Calvary, Bobby Overcash; Carmel, J. P. Williams; Charlotte First, Ed Kornegay, Robert F. Stokes; Charlotte Third, G. Milton Allen, Fred A. Griffith; Christ, B. H. Moore; Clanton Memorial, Mrs. Harvey B. Hunter; Cooks Memorial, Paul Thompson, Jr.; Forest Hill, Duncan S. MacRae, Jr.; Hopewell, C. W. Kidd; Huntersville, C. H. Smith;

Indian Trail, Richard K. Timmons; Johnston Memorial, T. J. Cooper; Matthews, J. William Russell; Monroe, Fred McCallum; Mulberry, Ross Johnston; Myers Park, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, William D. Poteat; Oakboro, Edith McLendon; Paw Creek, Forney Michael; Philadelphia, Andy Woods; Providence, Henry D. Niven; Quail Hollow, J. H. Garrison; St. Giles, Elton Parker; St. John, Howard Lee Wilson; Sardis, Ed H. Walker, Mrs. W. T. Anderson; Selwyn Avenue, Billie J. McFall, W. R. Moore; Steele Creek, Mack P. Brown, Bobby F. Grubb; Thomasboro, B. R. Coley, Evan Holyfield; Westminster, W. F. Robinson, C. K. Watterson; Westover Hills, Sanford Grant; Williams Memorial, Ralph P. Cochrane.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order, and was as follows:

> The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, I hereby Call Mecklenburg Presbytery to meet on Tuesday, April 10, 1973 at 2 P. M. in the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the Special Committee on Staff Priorities of the Presbytery relative to the calling of a General Presbyter, and any other matters arising therefrom.

James E. Fogartie, Chairman of the Special Committee on Staff Priorities, made its report which was as follows:

Since its establishment the Presbytery of Mecklenburg has carried on its banner the Great Commission of our Lord to "Go forth to every part of the world, and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15). Succeeding generations have sought to fulfill this imperious command.

Any rehearsal of the history of this Presbytery will evidence that in good times and bad the note of the Evangel has been sounded. Those of us who are inheritors of this legacy cannot but affirm with gratitude the significant heritage we possess.

Yet we are at once cognizant that this heritage is of little consequence unless it serves as a series of stepping-stones which lead us forward in the Kingdom's endeavor. Changing times and circumstances have not muted the Gospel's sound, but have indicated that there are new frontiers which must be entered if we are to be faithful to our trust.

One response in the Presbyterian Church in the United States has been the restructuring of the Boards and Agencies of the General Assembly. Another has been the redrawing of the lines of the several constituent Synods. Concurrently (and naturally) there has been a realignment of Presbyteries. With these procedures the members of this Court are familiar.

Approximately three years ago the Presbytery of Mecklenburg directed a reorganization of its own structure. The ensuing years have brought about certain changes with the adopted reorganization in an effort to effect a workable structure within which to fulfill our mission.

To this end the Special Committee on Staff Priorities was authorized by the Council of Presbytery at the instigation of the Committee on Strategy and Research. A review of the work of your Special Committee will afford a background against which to receive this report.

Initially your Special Committee considered the Staff of Presbytery as a whole, reviewing the responsibilities of each member of the Staff. Particular attention was addressed to a request from the Commission on the Minister and His Work expressing the need for a Pastoral Presbyter. Overshadowing these concerns was the imminent retirement of our faithful and beloved General Presbyter, The Reverend Doctor J. Cecil Lawrence. Your Special Committee recognized that the calling of a General Presbyter was a paramount concern and the key to other Presbytery Staff positions.

This was reported to the Council of Presbytery in the fall of 1971. In so reporting your Special Committee proffered its services to the Council. At a subsequent meeting of Presbytery the Council recommended that your Special Committee be directed to nominate to the Presbytery a General Presbyter.

Since that time your Special Committee has been at work to seek out and nominate for the Office of General Presbyter an individual competent to lead and administer the life and work of this Presbytery. This venture has been long and arduous.

At the outset your Special Committee studied carefully the description of the position of General Presbyter as set forth in the Manual of Presbytery. (Chapter 12). Such study has convinced your Special Committee that this description is inadequate and in need of revision. Attention should be given to this matter at an early date.

Considerable thought was given to the current state of the Presbytery. Within our bounds there is a burgeoning city with rapidly growing suburbs, numerous apartment complexes, ghettoes, and transitional areas. Moreover there are smaller towns with similar problems. Then there are rural communities. All the Churches are confronted with the necessity to reassess their strategies, while some are faced with the possibility of merger in order to maintain a vigorous and effective ministry. Those Churches in transitional neighborhoods will inevitably be confronted by the question of ministering effectively to all living in such areas. In a day of mobility the state of rural congregations must be closely scrutinized.

In the Church at large there are tensions resulting from controversy. A number of difficult issues confront the Church. To face these squarely requires the harnessing of the resources of the Presbytery.

Your Special Committee is keenly aware of the need for pastoral care for the ministers of the Presbytery, many of whom yearn for counsel, guidance, and encouragement.

To view the Presbytery as a whole is to recognize the need for a vigorous strategy which will enlarge the vision of all within our bounds. Undoubtedly there are current ventures which should be strengthened. There are avenues which have not been entered, the entry into which will call forth bold, innovative endeavors. All will, necessarily, call for a renewed emphasis upon the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. At the heart of everything that is undertaken lies the importance of people. This Presbytery is abounding in talented leadership in every area of life. Enlisting these people through the ministry of the constituent congregations is a valid concern of the Presbytery.

Your Special Committee set forth qualifications for a General Presbyter capable of offering responsible leadership within the framework of the contemporary situation. Certain words may describe briefly characteristics that were discussed at length: organization, discipline, decisiveness, creativity, diplomacy, initiative, delegation of responsibility, fund raising capacity. Moreover, your Special Committee was concerned with the manner in which the individual worked with people, dealt with conflict and controversy, and significant issues in the Church. Speaking ability, theological posture, and spiritual stature were considered, as well as views of the Church. Consideration was given to personal appearance, health, and family. Inasmuch as there is a need on the part of all of us to grow, the importance of continuing education was stressed.

Concurrently your Special Committee addressed a communication to every member of the Presbytery, inviting suggestions for the Office of General Presbyter to be made in writing with appropriate reasons for the suggestion. Appreciation is hereby expressed to those who responded. Moreover, suggestions were obtained from other sources. With considerable care all these suggestions were studied. Your Special Committee consulted numerous references in an effort to ascertain the suitability of candidates suggested.

At once it is evident to the Presbytery as it was to your Special Committee that the position of General Presbyter as envisioned is well nigh impossible and that not even the Apostles, Saints, and Martyrs of the Church could hope to fulfill it. Nonetheless, we continued our work in an effort to fulfill the charge laid upon us. On the basis of study it is the strong sentiment of your Special Committee that the tasks before this Presbytery require that in the not too distant future at least one Associate General Presbyter be called.

Your Special Committee has no desire to try the patience of the Presbytery with this report. Rather it is our intent to indicate to the Court the procedures used and to suggest the high priority given to the Office of the General Presbyter. The counsel and advice of the Commission on the Minister and His Work has been sought throughout these months; and the Commission has approved the man whom the Special Committee nominates to the Presbytery.

It is a pleasure to nominate to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, with the unanimous approval of the Special Committee, the Reverend Robert Jackson James, minister in the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. A native of Jonesville, South Carolina, reared from childhood in Charlotte, Mr. James was educated in the Mecklenburg Public Schools, Morehead State Teachers College, and Columbia Theological Seminary. During World War II he served in the United States Navy. Prior to entering Columbia Seminary, Mr. James was in business in Charlotte.

He has served as Minister in the First Presbyterian Church, Cordele, Georgia; Assistant Minister in the Gordon Street Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; Minister in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, Georgia; and the Paw Creek Church.

Since coming into Mecklenburg Presbytery, Mr. James has served with distinction as Director of the Charlotte Conference on Witness and Mission; Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work; and Chairman of Presbytery's Council. Through his ministry Mr. James has twice been elected a Commissioner to the General Assembly; and has been Moderator of the Presbyteries of Southwest Georgia and Mecklenburg.

In 1946 Mr. James married Miss Nancy Garrison of Charlotte, and they are the parents of a son, Michael, currently a Senior at Wofford College.

On several occasions your Special Committee has met with Mr. James to discuss the work of the General Presbyter. His knowledge and appreciation of this Presbytery and his openness to forge ahead and to seek more effective avenues of service in fulfilling our mission convinced your Special Committee that the Reverend Robert J. James was well suited for the position of General Presbyter.

Mr. James is no stranger to the members of this Presbytery for he has lived among us and has served with effectiveness both as minister in the Paw Creek Church and as a member of this Court to whom positions of responsibility have been entrusted. In his previous service Mr. James has been a faithful and earnest steward of the Gospel in all its aspects; and it is the belief of your Special Committee that as General Presbyter he will bring honor to Him Who is the Head of the Church and strong leadership to this Presbytery.

On behalf of the Special Committee on Staff Priorities I move that the Presbytery of Mecklenburg extend to the Reverend Robert J. James a call to become General Presbyter, which call is to be effecive, May 1, 1973.

The terms of the call are already a matter of record, having been adopted by the Presbytery in the fall of 1972 as a part of the Presbytery's budget. The terms are:

Salary	$12,000.00
Housing and Utilities	3,600.00
Travel	2,400.00
Ministers Annuity Fund	10%
Hospitalization	

Your Special Committee further recommends that to these terms the following be added:

Four weeks vacation
Two weeks for continuing education and $200 for this purpose
Disability Insurance
Moving expenses

Special Committee on Staff Priorities

Mrs. Ray (Edith) Gardner
Roy W. Coker
Arthur Jones
Neil Leach
Frank A. Mathes
Fred McCallum
Robert F. Stokes
William A. White, Jr.
James E. Fogartie, Chairman

Robert Jackson James, now serving as Pastor of the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, was unanimously elected General Presbyter. He was called into the meeting and presented to the Presbytery by James E. Fogartie and given a standing welcome with applause. He responded with words of appreciation and a renewal of his allegiance to Christ and dedication to the work of the Kingdom through Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The following motion by Douglas W. Oldenburg prevailed:

That Mecklenburg Presbytery instruct the Special Committee on Staff Priorities to review the job description of the General Presbyter in the Manual and the procedure, as outlined in the Manual, for selecting other Presbytery staff personnel, and to report back to Presbytery with appropriate recommendations not later than the May Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, May 22, 1973.

There were expressions of appreciation for the work of the Chairman and members of the Special Committee on Staff Priorities.

The following was ordered as an Order of the Day on May 22, 1973, next Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, as part of the Installation of the General Presbyter: that at 11 o'clock Reverend James McDowell Richards of the Presbytery of Atlanta be invited to preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, and that the Special Committee on Staff Priorities serve as a Committee to work with Mr. James in planning the service of installation.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The closing prayer and benediction were voiced by J. Cecil Lawrence.

Thomas C. Bryan
Temporary Clerk

J. Cecil Lawrence
Stated Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Sixth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

First Union Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 22, 1973

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the First Union Presbyterian Church on May 22, 1973.

The Moderator, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, called the meeting to order. After the singing of the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", the Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Laura Buzard, Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, Oliver W. Carmichael, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., R. Thomas Cheely, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, John M. Handley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Hunter R. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Charles E. S. Kraemer, Wilbur D. Kuenzli, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. A. Little, Jr., R. Rod Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, James S. Mann, Frank Alfred Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. Harold McKeithen, William B. McSwain, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Thomas J. Nash, III, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Eugene P. Poe, Marcus B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, R. H. Ramey, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, William C. Rhodes, Glenn B. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Robert S. Woodson, J. Daniel Zeluff.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Henry S. Robinson, David S. Templeton, Jr., Robert Turner.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Charles N. Clegg, Leighton Ford, Arthur S. Gatewood, Earl R. MacCormac, Neely McCarter, J. E. Wayland, Jr.

RULING ELDERS: Jim Boyd, Albemarle; Floyd Bass, Jr., Albemarle Road; D. L. Grier, Amay James; Paul G. Martin, Amity; Ray T. Buckner, Jr., Avondale; Calvin E. Poole, Badin; Mrs. Bonnie Terry, Benton Heights; Buford A. Price, Bethlehem; D. M. Allen, Caldwell Memorial; Bobby Overcash, Calvary; J. P. Williams, Carmel; W. Lester Youngblood, Central Steele Creek; Ernest H. Barry, Roswell Mallory, Charlotte First; William T. Crowder, Charlotte Third; Harold C. Patterson, Christ; R. M. Givens, Commonwealth-Eastminster; Don R. Monteith, Cooks Memorial; W. S. Berryhill, Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, James B. Kuykendall, Jr., William C. Taft, Covenant; Dr. Malcolm Lester, Davidson College; Russell H. Adkins, East; G. T. Brown, First Union; Mrs. Richard L. Wright, Hickory Grove; George W. Alexander, Hopewell; C. H. Smith, Huntersville; T. A. Biggers, Indian Trail; D. J. Lamon, Johnston Memorial; Bobby H. Barbee, Locust; Dale McLaughlin, Mallard Creek; Lex Hood, Matthews; J. Ross Kistler, McGee; John E. Ragan, Jr., Memorial; Frank Funderburk, Monroe; Douglas W. Booth, Thomas G. Lane, Jr., Richard A. Vinroot, A. Grant Whitney, Myers Park; Hayden Roberts, Newell; R. B. Winchester, Norwood; Mrs. Edith L. McLendon, Oakboro; John B. Mangum, Pageland; Ted Campbell, Paw Creek; Roy H. Waltman, Philadelphia; J. E. Stegall, Jr., Plaza; Clyde D. Armstrong, Pleasant Hill; R. A. Hudson, Jr., Providence; Henry R. Williams, Quail Hollow; Clyde F. Shinn, Ramah; Alvin Ritchie, Ridgecrest; Byron Luna, Robinson; Hall Morrison Irwin, Jr., St. Andrews; Bill Carroll, St. Giles; C. B. Baird, Jr., Glen Peal, Sardis; Ernest McGill, Seigle Avenue; Henry C. Buchanan, Billie J. McFall, Selwyn Avenue; Reid Brown, Sharon; Holmes Morris, Siler; B. F. Grubb, Baxter B. Wilson, Jr., Steele Creek; James C. Simpson, Jr., Stephenson; Kenneth Abernethy, Carl Middlebrook, Sugaw Creek; James Q. Wray, Jr., J. W. Young, Thomasboro; C. W. Gilchrist, Trinity; W. L. Wildermuth, Wadesboro; Johnny Mosley, Walkersville; W. C. Massey, Waxhaw; Edmund B. Clark, Jr., Westminster; Charles W. Hickman, Westover Hills; John S. Prim, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Salem.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Banks, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Bethel, Beulah, Camden, Clanton Memorial, Cornelius, Forest Hill, Hawley Memorial, Indian Hill, Lee Park, Marshville, McQuay, Morven, Mulberry, New Salem, Rehoboth, St. John, Smallwood, South Tryon, Turner, Unionville.

A quorum was declared present.

The following ministers were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brothers: J. McDowell Richards, Atlanta Presbytery; R. Eugene Randolph, Knoxville Presbytery; William M. Edwards, II, Fayetteville Presbytery; Robert H. Teed, Suwannee Presbytery; and Julius W. Melton, Jr., Central Mississippi Presbytery.

The following candidates for ordination were introduced: Robert Lee Nichols, Jr. and Wilbur Rush Otey, III.

The Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-nomination, Thomas A. Little, Jr., was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Roy W. Coker was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

The docket was presented by W. D. Morton, a member of the Court Meetings Committee. It was amended and adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren.
3. Election of Moderator, T. A. Little, Jr., Moderator-Nominee.
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee)—William D. Morton.

4A. Evangelism Southeast—Eugene Randolph (Special Order 9:20-9:30 A.M.).

5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—James A. Cannon.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees.
   (1) Bills and Overtures.
   (2) Attendance.
   (3) Tellers
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees).
   (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess).
8. Nomination of Moderator (Last order before morning recess).
9. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr.
10. Report of Trustees—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr.
11. Report of Personnel Committee—Oliver W. Carmichael.
    Morning Recess 10:45-11:00.
12. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
13. Installation of General Presbyter (Special Order—11:00 A.M.).
14. Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery (One hour for these reports 1-7).
    (1) Evaluation and Review Committee—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh.
    (2) Christian Education Committee—Fred C. Holder.
    (3) Institutional Ministries Committee—J. Arthur Beard.
    (4) Strategy and Research Committee—Randolph Norton.
    (5) Deployment and Sustentation Committee—Roy W. Coker.
    (6) Specialized Ministry Committee—Leonard W. Topping.
    (7) World Missions Committee—A. T. Trimble, Jr.

    Recess for Lunch 12:00-1:00 P.M.
15. Report of Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations (Special Order 1:00 P.M.)—Charles C. Cowsert.
    Part I Candidates to come under The Care of Presbytery—J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.
    Part II Candidates to be Ordained—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
    Part III Ministers to be Received—Zane M. Moore.
16. Commissions to be appointed.

17. Interpretation Committee.
18. Unfinished Business: Attendance, Standing Committees, Etc. Afternoon Recess 3:15-3:30.
19. Court Meetings Committee—Resolution of Thanks.
20. Reading and adoption of Minutes.
21. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction.

R. Eugene Randolph addressed the Presbytery on the subject, "Evangelism Southeast", which will be held in Charlotte **September 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1974.** His address was received as information and Presbytery expressed its appreciation for his coming to speak on this subject.

The host pastor, James A. Cannon, welcomed Presbytery and announced arrangements for the meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
A. Jackson Morrison
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
Frank Funderburk, Monroe First
Jake Q. Wray, Thomasboro
Russell Adkins, East

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman
G. Carswell Hughs
Carl Uzzell
Lester Youngblood, Central Steele Creek
H. M. Irwin, St. Andrews
Malcolm Lester, Davidson College

TELLERS

T. J. Nash, III, Chairman
Paul A. Horne
Charles N. Clegg
Paul Martin, Amity
Charles Hickman, Westover Hills
R. M. Givens, Commonwealth-Eastminster

The Stated Clerk read the Communications:

Certificate of Dismission for Wilbur Rush Otey, III a Candidate under the care of Athens Presbytery, was received. He was enrolled as a Candidate under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Certificates of Dismission for William M. Edwards, II from Fayetteville Presbytery and for Robert H. Teed from Suwannee Presbytery were received. These brethren will be examined for admission into the Presbytery later on the docket.

Part I of the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, dealing with proposed Overture to the General Assembly, was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

The Minutes of the following Commission were presented and admitted to record.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR R. ZACH THOMAS, III AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on March 11, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman; H. Louis Patrick, J. Cecil Lawrence. RULING ELDERS: R. Zach Thomas, Jr., David R. Wilson, J. B. Watt and James R. Nisbet.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Lewis W. Bledsoe. J. Cecil Lawrence was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. R. Zach Thomas, Jr. read the Scripture and James R. Nisbet had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by H. Louis Patrick on the topic, "The Mission of the Church."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Steele Creek Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Reverend R. Zach Thomas, III had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by J. Cecil Lawrence.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by David R. Wilson.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by David R. Wilson.

J. Cecil Lawrence
Secretary

The report of Presbytery's Council was made by the Chairman, Russell M. Kerr. The Calendar for 1973 of the Budget and Finance Committee was received as information. The Council's report was adopted as follows:

1. The Council has expressed the appreciation of the Presbytery to the Henderson Belk Foundation for its generosity in providing the Mecklenburg House, at Montreat, for the past several years. The agreement for the use of the house was terminated when it became apparent that it was no longer practical to maintain the operation.

2. In the area of Stewardship, Mecklenburg Presbytery has been represented at the Stewardship Conference in Atlanta by Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., and at the Budget and Finance Committee of the Synod of North Carolina by Reverend T. W. Tucker.

3. Following the instructions of Presbytery the Council appointed the following Task Force to study the possibility of establishing a Counseling Center:

Reverend Lewis W. Bledsoe
Steele Creek

Reverend Russell M. Kerr
Philadelphia

Mrs. Edgar Kornegay
First Charlotte

Reverend Douglas W.
Oldenburg (Chairman)
Covenant

Mrs. Norris H. Preyer
Myers Park

Dr. David Wilkinson,
Chaplain
Presbyterian Hospital

4. A consultation with representatives of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Catawba Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., with representatives from our Presbytery has been arranged with Reverend T. W. Tucker as Coordinator. The purpose will be to explore areas of possible cooperation.

5. The Committee appointed by the Council to arrange a suitable recognition at the retirement of General Presbyter, Reverend J. Cecil Lawrence, planned an appropriate dinner at Myers Park Presbyterian Church and made it possible for churches and friends of Dr. Lawrence to express appreciation in words and in gifts. We express our thanks to the Committee: James E. Fogartie, Chairman; Robert F. Stokes, James H. Barnhardt for the fine way in which this was carried out.

6. The resolution from the Session of Thomasboro Church relative to an open meeting about the problems of the church today has been referred to the Court Meetings Committee. This Committee is at work making plans for the proper presentation.

The Trustees of Presbytery made no report.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, Oliver W. Carmichael. The report was adopted and the nominees were elected as follows:

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Class of 1975,
to be Chairman, replacing Robert J. James

Jennings B. Reid, to replace Robert J. James
Class of 1974

SPECIALIZED MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Don Kellman (Providence)
to replace James Branden, Class of 1975, resigned

SYNOD'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Class of 1974
Randolph Norton, Class of 1975
Robert S. Maclin, III, Class of 1975
James M. Painter, Class of 1976
Mrs. James H. Shaw, Class of 1976

Leonard H. Bullock was elected as a member of the Personnel Committee replacing Robert J. James, Class of 1974.

Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Items 1-19 were received as information.

Items 20, 21, 22 and 23 are recorded in the Minutes as the action of Presbytery.

20. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Robert J. James and the Paw Creek Church, effective April 30, 1973.

21. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Horace E. Stoessel and the Session of the Covenant Church, effective July 31, 1973, and we commended him for his ministry in Christian Education in the Covenant Church.

22. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Hunter R. Hill and the Session of the Commonwealth-Eastminster Church, effective June 10, 1973.

23. The following changes in terms of calls were approved.
    (1) The Rev. Carl T. Uzzell, minister, St. John Church, to include Disability Insurance Premium, $112.28.
    (2) The Rev. Leonard H. Bullock, Thomasboro Church, increase salary by $1,500.00 and increase automobile allowance by $300.00.

Items 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 were adopted as follows:

24. We recommend that: The Rev. Laura Buzard be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as an Associate Minister in Christian Education and Inner City Work in the Dilworth Methodist Church. This permission is subject to the Commission's usual annual review of those laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery.

25. We recommend that: The Rev. Hunter R. Hill be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, subject to annual review by the Commission. He plans to study at Union Theological Seminary.

26. We recommend that: The Rev. Horace E. Stoessel be granted permission to serve in an at-large ministry in the Presbytery.

27. We recommend to Presbytery the following resolution:

    It is our fervent and sincere hope that no ministers or churches in the Presbytery of Mecklenburg will heed the call of those within the Church today who encourage withdrawal from Mecklenburg Presbytery and from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. We are aware, however, that devisive forces are at work in our Presbytery and in our Denomination.

    We reiterate our hope that none in Mecklenburg Presbytery shall seek dismissal or withdrawal. However, in case any should consider such action, and being mindful of the affirmative response of every officer of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Ministers, Ruling Elders, Deacons) to "study the peace, unity, edification and purity of the Church", The Presbytery of Mecklenburg

(1) Requests all Sessions not to order a meeting of the congregation under its care for the purpose of considering or acting upon a proposal for 'withdrawal' from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg of the Presbyterian Church in the United States until ninety (90) days notice has been given by the Session to the Council of Presbytery that it is the intention of the Session to issue such a call.

Authorizes the Council, or its appointed representatives to use this period of time to visit the congregation affected for conferences with the Session, the Pastor, or any interested communicants, primarily with the intent to effect reconciliation. The Council may also request a congregational meeting during this time for an airing of grievances, for purposes of interpretation, and specifically to assure all the communicants of the affected congregation of the desire of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg that they remain as loyal and participating Presbyterians within the life of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

28. That, pending action by the General Assembly on the overture proposed above, Presbytery adopt the following policy:

A. That, in view of continuing inflationary trends increasing the cost of living, the following **minimum** standards of remuneration be adopted for new calls effective any time during 1974:

1. Base Salary $7,800.
2. Car Allowance $1,000.
3. Manse or adequate Housing Allowance.
4. Utilities Costs, or Reasonable Specified Allowance for such.
5. Full 10% for Ministers' Annuity Fund.
6. Family Life & Hospitalization.
7. One month vacation.
8. Moving expenses.
9. Disability Insurance.

B. That the Commission be required to review annually the minimum terms of new calls and recommend to Presbytery minimums that will be in effect for the ensuing year.

C. That congregations whose available resources will not provide at least such minimum remuneration for pastors, consider seriously either—

1. Formation of a multi-church field, or
2. Merger with a neighboring congregation, or
3. Dissolution by Presbytery, with members transferred to other congregations of their choice.

D. That, prior to the normal time for congregations to form their budgets for the ensuing year, a communication be sent annually to all Clerks of Sessions and Chairmen of Boards of Deacons by the General Presbyter, conveying to such bodies Presbytery's urgent requests:

1. That congregations which have called pastors at the minimum remuneration prevailing when such calls become effective review the terms of those calls and strive at least to increase the remuneration to meet the minimum standards applicable to new calls prevailing for the budget year involved.

2. That the Boards of Deacons and/or Sessions of all other congregations be urged to review and re-evaluate the remuneration of their ministers (as well as other salaried personnel) with a view to congregational approved amendments to calls (as well as other salaried contracts), taking into consideration especially:
   a. Economic conditions and other factors affecting cost of living.
   b. Professional, or vocational, developments of ministers and other salaried personnel in the church staff.

The following calls were found in order and recommendation was made that they be placed in the hands of the respective ministers, subject to satisfactory examinations by Presbytery:

1. The Rev. William M. Edwards II, called to become Minister of the First Church, Monroe, N. C. Terms of his call are as follows:
   - Base Salary $10,000
   - Manse
   - All Utilities (except L.D. calls)
   - Group Life—Hospital Insurance
   - M.A.F. 10%
   - Car Allowance $1,700
   - Book Allowance $150
   - Moving Expenses
   - Vacation—4 weeks
   - Study Time Annually as agreed upon by Session
2. Mr. W. Rush Otey III, called to become Assistant Minister/Minister to Students, Davidson College Church. Terms of his call are as follows:
   - Base Salary $7,550.00
   - Utilities $500.00
   - Automobile Allowance $1,000.00
   - Book Allowance $200.00
   - Continuing Education Allowance $200.00
   - M.A.F. 10%
   - Group Life—Hospital Insurance for Family and Minister
   - Four weeks vacation
   - Two weeks continuing education leave
   - Full moving costs
   - Use of Manse
3. The Rev. Robert Lee Nichols, Jr., called to become Associate Minister, Avondale Church. Terms of his call are as follows:
   - Base Salary $7,200.00
   - Automobile Allowance $1,000.00
   - Housing Allowance $2,400.00
   - M.A.F. 10%
   - Group Life—Hospital Insurance for Minister and Family
   - Disability Insurance
   - Vacation—1 month
   - One Week Educational Leave with $100.00 allowance for same.
   - Moving Expense
4. The Rev. Robert H. Teed, called to become Associate Minister of Christian Education and Outreach, Philadelphia Church. Terms of his call are as follows:
   - Base Salary $7,200.00

Car Allowance $1,000.00
Group Life—Hospital Insurance
Manse
M.A.F. 10%
Vacation—1 month
Moving Expenses

5. The Rev. Julius W. Melton, Jr. of the Staff of Davidson College be received pending reception of his letter of dismissal from Central Mississippi Presbytery.

6. The Rev. Richard P. Shaw, called to become Minister of the Albemarle Road Church. Terms of his call are as follows:
    Base Salary $9,600.00
    Car Expense $1,400.00
    Housing Allowance $800.00
    Free use of respective manse
    M.A.F. 10%
    Family Group Insurance
    $500.00 Disability Insurance
    Continuing education as arranged by Pastor and Session
    One month vacation

7. The Rev. Robert O. Freeman, called to become Associate Minister of the Albemarle Road Church. Terms of his call are as follows:
    Base Salary $9,600.00
    Car Expense $1,400.00
    Housing Allowance $800.00
    Free use of respective manse
    M.A.F. 10%
    Family Group Insurance
    $500.00 Disability Insurance
    Continuing education as arranged by Pastor and Session
    One month vacation

8. The Rev. William B. Ward, called to become Associate Minister of the Covenant Church. Terms of his call are as follows:
    Base Salary $10,400.00
    Manse Allowance $4,200.00
    Tax Sheltered Annuity $1,500.00
    Study and Education Allowance $500.00
    Use of Auto
    One month vacation
    Two weeks study
    Hospitalization Insurance for Minister and Family
    Disability Insurance endorsed by Mecklenburg Presbytery
    M.A.F. 10%

Zane M. Moore was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the September Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a fifteen minute recess.

Following recess, Presbytery reconvened and engaged in a worship service at which Robert J. James was installed as the General Presbyter. The worship service was led by James

E. Forgartie. By invitation of Presbytery, J. McDowell Richards preached the sermon entitled "The Holy Catholic Church", based on Ephesians 4.

Following the answering of the Constitutional Questions in the affirmative, Neil C. Leach delivered the charge to Mr. James; Marcus B. Prince, Jr. delivered the charge to the Presbytery; and Russell M. Kerr led the installation prayer. The newly installed General Presbyter pronounced the benediction.

Presbytery took recess for lunch until 1:10 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Special Order immediately following lunch was the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. This report was presented by the Chairman, Charles C. Cowsert.

The Chairman of the Candidates Committee, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., presented the report of that Committee. The Committee recommends: that David T. Fisher be removed from the roll of Candidates of Mecklenburg Presbytery in accordance with the provisions of the BCO 24-9; and that a registered letter be sent to him by the Candidates Chairman (with copies to the Cameronian Church and Columbia Theological Seminary) informing him of the action of this Court. The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Kirkland then presented the following persons as applicants for reception as Candidates for the Ministry of the Word: John Clyde Brown, III, Third Church; Kermit Braxton Garriss, First Church, Charlotte; William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., St. Giles Church; and Jon Watson Regen, Davidson College Church.

Mr. Kirkland reported that these men had been examined by the Candidates Committee and that all the provisions of the Book of Church Order and the Manual of Presbytery had been met. Each candidate made a statement as to his experience of Christian grace and motives for seeking the Ministry of the Word. The candidates were then examined by Presbytery and the examination of each of the four was sustained as satisfactory. The Presbytery of Mecklenburg having approved their testimonials and sustained their examinations, the Moderator then asked the questions required by BCO 24-4; the candidates answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then conducted a brief worship service and directed that their names be placed on the Roll of Candidates. John B. Rogers, Jr. delivered the charge to the candidates.

In the case of **John Clyde Brown,** upon recommendation of the Candidates Committee, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg voted unanimously to permit Mr. Brown to omit the study of

Hebrew and Greek from his seminary course and to require him to take the three year course of study at Columbia Theological Seminary before his ordination. The reason for this action: Mr. Brown has not had any college preparation.

Presbytery directed that copies of the charge to the candidates be reproduced and distributed to Ministers of the Presbytery.

The Chairman of the Committee on Ordination, C. F. Jacks, presented the candidates for ordination: Robert Lee Nichols, Jr. and Wilbur Rush Otey, III. Dr. Jacks reported that both candidates met all the requirements of the BCO, and that the theological thesis and exegesis were satisfactory to the Committee. Presbytery proceeded with the examination of the candidates in accordance with the provisions of BCO 27-5.

Mr. Otey preached a sermon before Presbytery entitled "Three Sides of Life" from Matthew 28:1-10, and Mr. Nichols preached from Hebrews 11:8-16 on "Persistence In Passion". Both sermons were sustained as satisfactory.

Both candidates stated to the Court their personal Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These were sustained as satisfactory.

Their examination on Theology, Bible, the Sacraments and the Book of Church Order, including Government, Discipline and Worship, were sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory, and the Court placed the calls in their hands which were accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the calls for Mr. Nichols and Mr. Otey.

The following commissions were appointed to ordain and install the candidates as follows:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL ROBERT LEE NICHOLS, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Thomas W. McLean, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions and To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

George L. Ducker, To preach the Sermon.

Oliver W. Carmichael, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Al Robinson (Carmel).
Randy C. White (Avondale).
Gordon H. Rettke, M.D. (Avondale).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL WILBUR RUSH OTEY, III AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1973 AT 11 A.M.

MINISTERS:

John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions and To deliver the Charge to the Assistant Pastor.

D. P. McGeachy, To preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Oliver W. Carmichael.

Frank C. Wilkinson.

RULING ELDERS:

John D. Kelton (Davidson College), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Samuel R. Spencer (Davidson College).

G. Don Davidson (Covenant).

Wilbur Rush Otey, Jr. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Zane M. Moore presented the following ministers to be examined for reception into membership in the Presbytery: William M. Edwards, II, Fayetteville Presbytery; Robert H. Teed, Suwannee Presbytery; and Julius W. Melton, Jr., Central Mississippi Presbytery, who is to be received pending receipt of his certificate of dismission from Central Mississippi Presbytery. These ministers had been previously examined by the Committee who recommends that the Court proceed with the examinations.

Presbytery examined these ministers on their Christian experience and on their views in theology, the Sacraments and the Government of the Presbyterian Church. Their examinations were sustained in each part and as a whole. They were then enrolled in Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers. The calls were placed in their hands and were accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the calls for William M. Edwards, II and Robert H. Teed.

Julius W. Melton, Jr. has accepted a position at Davidson College as Director of Deferred Giving.

The following commissions were appointed to install Mr. Edwards and Mr. Teed.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL WILLIAM M. EDWARDS, II, AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA ON JUNE 3, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Zane M. Moore, To preach the Sermon.

J. Arthur Beard, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

B. D. Dotson, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

RULING ELDERS:

Dick George Pierce (Monroe First).

W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First).

Gene A. Cathy (Sardis).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ROBERT H. TEED AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1973 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

Richard P. Shaw, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Russell M. Kerr, To preside.

RULING ELDERS:

Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Fred O. Brown (Philadelphia), To lead in Prayer.

Ray H. Waltman (Philadelphia), To read the Scripture.

The following commission was appointed to install William B. Ward as Associate Minister of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. Dr. Ward had been previously called as Assistant Minister.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL WILLIAM B. WARD AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Douglas W. Oldenburg, To preach the Sermon.

Horace E. Stoessel, To deliver the Charge to the Minister.

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)

James H. Barnhardt (Covenant)

A. B. Mackey (Covenant)

Randolph Norton, Chairman of Strategy and Research Committee, presented the resolution on the merger of Commonwealth-Eastminster and Albemarle Road Presbyterian Churches which was adopted as follows:

A Plan for Merger of Commonwealth-Eastminster and Albemarle Road Presbyterian Churches

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Commonwealth-Eastminster Presbyterian Church and Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church affirm that our two congregations should unite, believing that God will use this union to create a renewed congregation which will be a vital and obedient instrument of Christ's presence in the world and of His mission to the world today.

We believe this proposed merger conforms to the will of God because:

1. The Commonwealth-Eastminster congregation, in having to relocate, wishes to continue to be a vital, growing, serving church and wishes to locate where such a church is needed.

2. Our coming together will provide for a strong congregation, strong in material resources to provide physical facilities for the worship of God, the study of His Word and for Christian fellowship and service, strong in human resources to provide leadership within the congregation and outside the congregation to win the unsaved to Christ and the unchurched to a more vital relationship with Christ and His church.

3. It can be an experience of growth for both congregations as the members come to know and love each other and serve each other and the community in the name of Christ.

4. It can be a creative act in the deepening of our faith in Jesus Christ, the enlarging of our vision, and the expanding of our service to include a greater number of people in the area where God's providence has placed us.

Covenant of Agreement between the two Congregations

Article 1. Name

1. The merged church shall be known as Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church.
2. Following merger, if it is desired, opportunity will be given to consider a new name for the new church.

Article 2. Ministers of the Word

1. Relation to New Church

   Upon the dissolution of the present congregations and the consequent dissolution of the pastoral relationships. The Rev. Richard P. Shaw will be called as Pastor, and The Rev. Robert O. Freeman as Associate Pastor of the new church.

2. Pastoral Responsibilities
   a. The pastors of the New Church, in their relationship as specified in Section #1 above, being the pastors of the two former congregations, expect to serve as pastors of the new church and shall seek to share the full range of Pastoral responsibilities.
   b. Either pastor will be available to conduct weddings, funerals and sacraments, and for counseling as needed.
   c. Soon after consummation of the merger, each pastor expects to make a concentrated effort to visit the members of the other's former pastorate.
   d. During the Interim Period (see Article 12) the normative preaching schedule for the pastor shall be three (3) Sundays per month, and specific scheduling shall be the responsibility of the pastor.

e. As provided in the Book of Church Order, the moderating of the Session meetings shall be at the discretion of the Pastor and the Session.

3. Calls

Terms of the initial calls to the pastors shall be equal:

Salary—$9,600.00

Car expense—$1,400.00

Housing allowance—$800.00

Free use of their respective manses

10% M.A.F. and Family Group Insurance

$500 Disability insurance

Continuing education as arranged by the Pastor and Session.

One month vacation.

Article 3. Church Year

The organizational church year shall be from October 1 to September 30 of the following year and officers terms of office shall coincide with these dates.

Article 4. Ruling Elders—Session

1. All ruling elders in the existing churches will continue to be ruling elders in the new church.
2. The term of office shall be three (3) years. Upon completion of a term or major fraction thereof, a ruling elder shall be ineligible for re-election to the Session for a period of one (1) year.
3. The Session of the new Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church shall be formed by the merger of the Sessions of the former churches with the following provisions:
   (a) The intended size of the Session is to be twelve (12) elders in 3 Classes of four (4) each, to be reached October 1, 1974.
   (b) The current Commonwealth-Eastminster Session Classes of 1973 and 1974 would go out of office September 30, 1973; the Class of 1975, September 30, 1974; Class of 1976, September 30, 1975. (Terms of office are shortened by 1 year and 3 months)
   (c) The current Albemarle Road Session would continue to serve as elected.
   (d) Election to the Session:
      (1) to take office October 1, 1974. 4 elders to be elected to the Class of 1976, 2 elders to the Class of 1977.
      (2) to take office October 1, 1975. 2 elders to be elected to the Class of 1977, 4 elders to the Class of 1978.
      (3) to take office October 1, 1976, 4 elders to be elected to the Class of 1979.
   (e) Size of the Session during 1973 (to Sept. 30)—21 elders, 1974—12 elders, 1975—12 elders, 1976—12 elders.
   (f) All Session members will serve through September 30 of the year of their class (or as specified in b above) or until their successors are installed whichever is later.

Article 5. Deacons—Board of Deacons

1. All deacons in the existing churches will continue to be deacons in the new church.
2. The term of office shall be three (3) years. Upon completion of a term or major fraction thereof, a deacon shall be ineligible for re-election to the Board of Deacons for a period of one (1) year.
3. The Board of Deacons of the new Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church shall be formed by the merger of the boards of the former churches with the following provisions:

(a.) The intended size of the Board of Deacons is to be twelve (12) deacons in Classes of 4 each, to be reached by October 1, 1974.

(b.) The current Commonwealth-Eastminster Board of Deacons Classes of 1973 and 1974 would go out of office September 30, 1973; the Classes of 1975, September 30, 1974; the Class of 1976, September 30, 1975. (Terms of office are shortened by 1 year and 3 months.)

(c.) The current Albemarle Road Board of Deacons would serve as elected.

(d.) Election to the Board of Deacons:

(1) to take office October 1, 1974, 4 deacons to be elected to the Class of 1976, 1 deacon to the Class of 1977.

(2) to take office October 1, 1975, 3 deacons to be elected to the Class of 1977, 4 deacons to the Class of 1978.

(3) to take office October 1, 1976, 4 deacons to be elected to the Class of 1979.

(e.) Size of the Board of Deacons during 1973 (to September 30)—25 deacons, 1974—14 deacons, 1975—12 deacons, 1976—12 deacons.

(f.) All members of Board of Deacons will serve through September 30 of the year of their class (or as specified in b above) or until their successors are installed whichever is later.

Article 6. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the new Albemarle Road Church shall be formed by the merger of the boards of the former churches with the following provisions:

1. The intended size of the board is to be six, to be reached in 1975.
2. The current Albemarle Road board consists of 3 permanent trustees who will continue to serve.
3. The current Commonwealth-Eastminster board consists of 6 elected to serve 6 years; 2 in the Class of 1973, 2 in the Class of 1975, 2 in the Class of 1977 who will continue to serve to September 30 of the year indicated. Upon completion of the term of those in the Class of 1973, they will not be replaced; upon completion of the term of those in the Class of 1975, one is to be replaced to give the intended 6 members.
4. At this time the new congregation should take whatever action is deemed advisable concerning their trustees.

Article 7. Staff

1. Mr. Joe Connell, present organist and choir director at Albemarle Road to be retained.
2. Secretaries:
   a. Mrs. Ben R. Efird, present secretary at Commonwealth-Eastminster to be retained.
   b. Mrs. W. E. Rhyne, part-time secretary at Albemarle Road to be retained, to be full time after July 1, 1973.
3. Mr. Mack Alexander, part-time janitor at Commonwealth-Eastminster, and Mr. Wilson Hart, part-time janitor at Albemarle Road to be retained.

Article 8. Church Organizations

As soon as practical after approval of the plan of merger, the leaders of the various church organizations of each church, shall meet together to plan how best to effect the merging of their organization and treasuries, said plan to be submitted to the new Session for approval.

1. The Christian Education Committee of each former church together with the Church School Superintendents shall plan together for the Church School; its leadership and curriculum.
2. The officers or youth representatives and adult leaders of appropiate youth groups shall plan together.
3. The councils of each existing Women of the Church organization shall plan together.
4. It is recommended that the new church continue the Men of the Church organization.
5. It is recommended that the new church continue the current Scout program at Albemarle Road Church and seek to expand the scouting program as the need arises.
6. It is recommended that the new church consider establishing a Day School Kindergarten as the need arises.

Article 9. Church Property and Finances

1. All property of each existing church shall become the property of the merged church.
2. Each existing congregation shall take whatever steps necessary to instruct and authorize their trustees to render proper title deed for all real property to the trustees of the new congregation and to convey all monies held in trust or other properties to their proper successors in the new congregation.
3. The general treasuries of the existing churches shall upon merger be combined into one general treasury. The existing Boards of Deacons shall provide for the orderly accomplishment of this transaction. Insofar as practical financial obligations of the existing churches and their organizations shall be discharged prior to merger. All remaining obligations of each former church and its organizations become obligations of the new church and its organizations.
4. All financial pledges and commitments of individual members made to either existing church remain in effect as made to the merged church unless specifically cancelled by the individual who made them.

Article 10. Building-Planning Committee

1. A Building-Planning Committee shall be established consisting of 10 members responsible to the merged congregation.
2. Following approval of the merger by both existing churches and prior to consummation of the merger each congregation shall elect five (5) members to this committee.
3. The committee shall determine its own organization.

Article 11. Site

Upon consummation of this merger, facilities for the housing of the new church will be those of the current Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church.

Article 12. Interim Period

1. Realizing that the creation of a congregation bound together in love for Christ and for each other, united in knowledge and trust of each other for service to Christ, will not automatically and immediately come into being following approval of this plan of merger by vote of the two congregations, therefore, an interim period is established to last through September 30, 1974, or until one year from the date of merger whichever comes first.
2. The purpose of this interim period is to recognize the need and provide for the two former congregations becoming one congregation in fact as well as in name.

3. During this interim period, all possible efforts are to be made to enable the former congregations to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of each other, to share their hopes and aspirations for the future of their new church, to gain a trust and love for each other, and to accomplish whatever will most effectively unite us all into one congregation of God's people.
4. Except as otherwise stated herein, the provisions of this Covenant of Agreement shall not be subject to change except by a three-fourths majority of the appropriate body.
5. Insofar as possible, the leadership of the new congregation shall be that of the former congregations continuing to serve.

FORMAL STATEMENT FOR APPROVAL

"Resolved that the congregation of (Commonwealth-Eastminster) (Albemarle Road) Presbyterian Church approves of the proposed merger with (Albemarle Road) (Commonwealth-Eastminster) Presbyterian Church to form a new Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church according to the Plan of Merger as contained in the Preamble and twelve (12) Covenant Agreements, and does hereby request Mecklenburg Presbytery—1. to grant its approval and appoint a Commission to effect the merger. 2. to convey to the newly organized Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church title deed to the property known as Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, contingent upon the acceptance by the new Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church of full responsibility for all indebtedness on said properties."

The Approval of Item 2 of the above Formal Statement by Mecklenburg Presbytery is a condition of the approval of the Plan of Merger by (Commonwealth-Eastminster) (Albemarle Road) Presbyterian Church.

RATIFIED
Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church
Date: May 6, 1973
By: Richard P. Shaw
Moderator
By: George H. Jones
Clerk
Vote: 118-yes 5-no

RATIFIED
Commonwealth-Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Date: May 6, 1973
By: Robert O. Freeman
Moderator
By: William E. Cochran, Jr.
Clerk
Vote: 134-yes 18-no

RESOLUTION OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY MERGER OF COMMONWEALTH-EASTMINSTER AND ALBEMARLE ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

WHEREAS, the congregations of Commonwealth-Eastminster Presbyterian Church and Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church did on May 6, 1973 approve a Plan of Merger; and

WHEREAS, the Research and Strategy Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery has recommended to Mecklenburg Presbytery that it approve such merger, taking such action as may be necessary to implement the merger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Plan of Merger as set out in the Covenant Agreements which has been adopted by the respective congregations be approved.

2. That the existing Commonwealth-Eastminster Presbyterian Church and Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church are dissolved as of the establishment of the new merged Church June 10, 1973.

3. That the pastoral relationship heretofore existing between the

Rev. Richard Porter Shaw as Pastor of Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robert O. Freeman as Pastor of Commonwealth-Eastminster Presbyterian Church are dissolved as of the effective date of the merger.

4. That a Commission is hereby appointed to take all steps required to implement the merger, including the installation of ministers and officers at 8:00 P.M. on June 10, 1973.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO MERGE THE ALBEMARLE ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE COMMONWEALTH-EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973 AT 8:00 P.M.

**(Service to be held at the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church
6700 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, North Carolina)**

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

J. Cecil Lawrence, To deliver the Charge to the Ministers.

Thomas A. Little, Jr., To preach the Sermon

Thomas C. Bryan.

Hunter R. Hill.

Russell M. Kerr.

RULING ELDERS

Charles A. Hunter (Forest Hill), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

G. Douglas Aitken (Avondale).

James B. Kuykendall (Covenant).

David D. Jordan (Third).

Thomas Donaldson (Amity).

Conley Robinson (East).

Mrs. Richard Wright (Hickory Grove).

5. That Rev. Richard Porter Shaw is called as Pastor of the new Church, the terms of call being those set forth in the Plan of Merger.

6. That Rev. Robert O. Freeman is called as Associate Pastor, the terms of call being those set forth in the Plan of Merger.

7. That the new Church is established as of June 10, 1973 and shall be known as the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, unless and until a different name shall be selected and approved.

8. That the congregation of the newly formed Church is directed as soon as practicable after the establishment of the Church to adopt Resolutions calling Rev. Richard Porter Shaw as Pastor and Rev. Robert O. Freeman as Associate Pastor on the terms set forth in the Plan of Merger, and to submit such call to the Mecklenburg Presbytery for its formal approval.

9. That the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery be directed to transfer to the newly formed Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church all of the real property held by Mecklenburg Presbytery for the use of said Church and specifically the property on Albemarle Road on which the Sanctuary is located, such conveyance by the Trustees to be made at such time as Mecklenburg Presbytery has been discharged of any obligations which it has secured by deed of trust on the properties to be conveyed and specifically included the unpaid portion of the obligation to the Board of National Ministries, Presbyterian Church of the United States.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a stated meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery held at First Union Presbyterian Church May 22, 1973.

The Evaluation and Review Committee's report was received as information.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, Fred C. Holder. Mrs. T. W. Stinson, Jr., President of the Women of the Church of the Presbytery, brought greetings from the Women of the Presbytery. The report was adopted as follows:

The Christian Education Committee has met regularly this year. The Executive Committee, made up of Sub-Committee Chairmen, has met monthly. Other members of the committee and co-opted members have met with the committee upon invitation.

Sub-Committee on Adult Education

The Sub-Committee on Adult Education has concentrated its efforts on young adults during the past year. The effort was centered on two major events. One was a workshop held in January at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The other was a Retreat held at Bethelwoods in March.

Both of these events were carried out in co-operation with the World Missions Committee. Dr. Ted Tremble provided us with essential leadership and help.

The people who attended were very excited about such events. Their response helped to determine our plans for the future. The group who attended the retreat is meeting Friday, May 11, at the Hickory Grove Church for a covered dish supper to discuss the possibility of a Fall retreat for young adults.

Laura Buzard
Chairman

Children's Work

A. **Asheboro Meeting**—December 7, 1972. Children's section was led by our retiring Chairman, Ruth Farrior, who was serving also as Chairman of Synod's Children Cabinet. Attended by our Chairman-elect and one member of Committee.

B. **D-DAY.** (Display Day)—March 6, 1973, at First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. Cooperative materials for Vacation Church School, Day Camp materials, Slide making equipment and Audio-Visuals were on display, 10:00-2:00.

C. **Spring Workshop** for teachers of children who will be working in summer activities. On May 6, 1973, Workshops for Vacation Church School and Family School teachers were held at Third Presbyterian Church. 28 teachers from 9 churches attended. On Monday, in addition to the above, a Day Camp workshop was added. 23 teachers from 13 churches attended. A staff of eleven people served as workshop leaders, food committee, baby sitters and registrars.

D. **North Carolina Christian Education Conference,** Montreat, June 22-28. Children's Committee expects to send at least 2 persons.

E. **Survey on needs of and available facilities for Retardees.** The Committee is making an effort to determine if there are sufficient number of Church School classes of any denomination in our area for Retarded children, and to list these for the benefit of those interested.

Sarah K. Wilson
Chairman

Youth Committee

1. Presbytery-Wide—Youth and Adult Advisor Retreat
   Dates Held: October 13, 14, 15, 1972.
2. Comments.
   The purpose of this Retreat was two-fold.
   (1) To reach key youth and adults for further Christian leadership in their churches.
   (2) To confront youth with total Christian commitment.
3. The number participating in the Retreat was as follows:
   30 Adult Advisors
   46 Youth

Sam Cornwell
Chairman

Sub-Committee on Camping

I. During the past year we have tried to support and promote the camping program in which we entered with Concord Presbytery. We have been trying to secure an opportunity with the Duke Power people in an effort to evaluate possible retreat sites for Presbytery. As yet we have been able to get an agreement of their willingness to work with us but no further response has been made. The camp committee continues to be a resource of information and referral regarding retreat centers and other camp opportunities.

II. This coming camping season will see a larger number of Mecklenburg young people at camps offering a wider diet. At Grier we have a new Pathfinder camp for those with established skills in wilderness living; at SBJ-Bible Campferences which will add an in-depth Bible study.

III. The camp committee will begin this summer to look ahead at perhaps some Presbytery sponsored events.

IV. Proposals have been made for a Presbytery-wide Family Camp at Camp Grier. Also perhaps Trailer Camps.

V. There is still a need for volunteer workers in the camps for the 1973 season. Contact Rev. Joe P. Arnold to enlist.

Joe P. Arnold
Chairman

Career and Personal Counseling

The Committee on Career and Personal Counseling held a class for local church Aides as a part of the Workshop at Trinity Presbyterian Church, September 24, 1972. Mr. Patton, of the Center at Laurinburg, led the class.

The Committee plans a Workshop for Aides on Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00 p.m. at the new Counseling Center at Queens College with Mrs. Adele Shields, Assistant Director, Queens College.

John McCaskill
Chairman

Leadership Education Sub-Committee
Teaching Workshop

On April 18-22 at Queens College and Amity Church there was a "How To Teach" Workshop for new teachers. This event was sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and coordinated by local educators.

Lab Class, September 9, 1973, 3:00-8:00 Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Nursery Class—Mrs. Ruth Cheney, Fayetteville

Kindergarten—Mrs. Sara Frances Thompson, Winston-Salem

Grades 1 & 2—Miss Marion Fisk, Greenville

Grades 3 & 4—Miss Eleanor Godfrey, Belmont

Grades 5 & 6—Mrs. Joan Tucker, Sardis Church, Charlotte

Youth—Sarah Little, Richmond (tentative)

Adult, Uniform—Dr. E. T. Thompson, Richmond, Va.

Charlotte Area Learning Event—October 16-18, Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Don Griggs, Three Workshops, October 16-18 A.M. and October 16-18 P.M.

War and Conscience, Dr. Sam Maloney, Davidson

Civil Religion in America—Dr. Max Poley, Davidson

CLC Study **The Word in Action** Book of Acts—Dr. Ross McKenzie (Tentative)

Church Management for Pastors—

Teaching Religion to Pre-Schoolers, "Children at Home" Pauline Meeks, Kansas City

Circle Bible Study, Galatians—

Dr. Tony Abbott
Chairman

Report of the Chairman

The present chairman assumed responsibility on January 1, 1973 and found an active, able committee well structured for operation as it had been effectively led by the former chairman, Mrs. Betty Clark.

The programs planned for 1973 thus far have been effectively carried out. With regard to remaining activities for 1973 here is a summary of dates of Synod and Presbytery events:

June 8-10:	Synod Men's Conference, Montreat, N. C.
June 15-17:	Church School Administration Conference
June 22-28:	North Carolina Christian Education Conference
August 3-11:	Synod Youth Conference, Peace College, Raleigh
September 9:	Lab School, 3-8 P.M., Selwyn Avenue Church
October 16-18:	Charlotte Area Learning Event, Trinity Church

At its last meeting the committee raised the question of Christian Action which does not seem to be provided for in the structure (formerly there was a committee). Since it is presently lodged nationally with Christian Education the committee feels that they should be concerned about it. There was a discussion of issues that needed attention and it was decided to work on these during the summer and come with recommendations in the fall. It was the consensus of the committee that we needed to look into Christian Action (Church and Society) and be related where our responsibility indicates.

Finally as Chairman, I wish to acknowledge to Presbytery that this committee has on it some splendid leadership and they are responding with diligence. The committee desires to develop leadership and resources that will provide assistance in every phase of Christian Education for our churches.

Recommendation is that this report be adopted and printed in the Minutes as the program of this committee through the year of 1973.

Fred C. Holder
Chairman

The report of the Committee on Institutional Ministries was made by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard. It was received as information.

Roy W. Coker, Chairman of Deployment and Sustentation Committee, presented that Committee's report which was received as information.

Chairman Leonard W. Topping reported for the Specialized Ministry Committee. Recommendations were amended and adopted as follows:

1. We recommend that Mecklenburg Presbytery approve the program of Evangelism South East—a celebration of evangelism being planned by the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. for Charlotte, N. C., September 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1974—and that we welcome and give prayerful support to those planning the event, and that we encourage the participation of our ministers and members.

2. We recommend that the following letter to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Houston, Texas, be disseminated to the churches for their use in expressing support of the astronauts in their reading the Bible from their spacecraft:

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
Manned Spacecraft Center
Astronaut Office
Houston, Texas 77058

Gentlemen:

I, personally, and whole-heartedly support the right of the Astronauts to read the Bible from their spacecraft as they orbited the moon during December, 1968. I further support the right of every human being to express their faith in God and the Bible publicly without fear of censure.

Sincerely,

....
(Name)

....
(Address)

Note: Madeline Murray O'Hara has obtained 27,000 signed letters protesting the decision of the astronauts' reading the Bible as a Christian message to the world, from their spacecraft, while orbiting the moon in December 1968. She plans to present these letters to NASA with a demand that the astronauts be publicly censured for their act, and further demand that any further demonstrations of religion by public leaders be prohibited. An effort is being made to secure 1,000,000 signed letters upholding the right of the astronauts in their action.

A. T. Trimble, Jr., Chairman of the World Missions Committee, reported for that Committee and it was received as information.

The report of the Interpretation Committee was presented as follows:

"The Interpretation Committee recommends that the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery be amended by inserting at the bottom of Page 5 of the Manual, at the close of Chapter IV, DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, 4-1 Teaching Elder Section, 2) Candidates, the following paragraph:

"The Committee of Candidates is urged to keep a list of the names of members of the churches of the Presbytery who are planning to enter the service of the church as professional personnel and to inform the Presbytery from time to time who these people are. It is urged that the Presbytery's Candidates Committee manifest interest in and concern for these people, working with the sessions of the churches to which they belong in order to offer them encouragement, and guidance in their preparation and to let them know of Presbytery's concern for them." (FIRST READING).

The second reading was adopted and the Manual amended.

(1) That the Manual of Presbytery, Page 10, 5-2 (2)b, setting forth the functions of the Strategy and Research Committee be amended to read as follows: This Committee shall engage in comprehensive studies of the situations confronting our Presbytery and its churches employing whatever surveys, sociological studies, and statistical data that may be available or can be obtained. This may include population patterns, membership changes, giving habits or whatever other pertinent information may be deemed necessary for arriving at strategies to mobilize our resources to carry out our mission. These strategies shall include application to the development of guidelines for the establishing of new churches, the dissolving of existing churches, and the grouping or merging or relocating of churches. The Chairman of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, or his appointed representative shall serve as an ex-officio member of this Committee. In matters which would involve action by the Deployment and Sustentation Committee the Strategy and Research Committee shall consult with the Deployment and Sustentation Committee. The Strategy and Research Committee shall be available to other committees for assistance. (SECOND READING).

(2) That the name of the Deployment and Sustentation of Churches Committee be changed to the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, omitting "of churches". (SECOND READING).

(3) That the Manual of Presbytery, Page 10 5-2 (3)b, setting forth the functions of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee be amended to read as follows: This Committee shall make recommendations to Presbytery and implement recommendations concerning: (a) the establishing of new churches; (b) the dissolving of existing churches; and (c) the grouping or merging or relocating of churches.

1) This Committee shall review and approve the total budget of aid-receiving churches (no matter what the amount of aid received) before Presbytery benevolence funds can be allocated.

Any building program (including the architectural plans) envisioned by an aid-receiving church must be approved by this Committee.

2) Requests for approval or co-signing of loans for local churches must be approved by this Committee prior to their presentation to the Council and Presbytery. (SECOND READING).

The report of the Committee on Attendance was presented and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman of the Bills and Overtures Committee, reported. The following Overture to the General Assembly was approved and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly in 1972 issued the following reply to an overture from Hanover Presbytery:

"A Presbytery may not change the terms of the call of a congregation for a pastor without the approval and prior action of the congregation. (BCO25-2.) The compensation to be paid to the minister being one of the mandatory terms of a call (BCO26-3), it follows that Presbytery may not require that pastoral relationships previously established comply with a minimum salary requirement subsequently adopted by Presbytery."

(Gen. Assembly Minutes, Item 19, pp. 211-212, 1972.)

Whereas the economic situation of every nation fluctuates with inflationary and recessionary pressures, and a pastor's or an associate pastor's material needs can be met only by fluctuations in salary according to the economic situation of the country.

Whereas many presbyteries of the General Assembly have seen the necessity of establishing minimum financial requirements to see that its pastors are not to be so burdened with material worries that they cannot be entirely free to serve the Lord.

Therefore the Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order by the addition of the following to Paragraph 25-2: **The terms of a call for any pastor or assistant pastor must at least meet the minimum requirements of the Presbytery and are to be adjusted annually as may be needed to meet the minimum.**

Further the Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order by the addition of the underlined words to Paragraph 26-3: "That you may devote yourself wholly to the ministry of the Word among us, we obligate ourselves to pay you the sum of $........................... a year in regular monthly payments, **and in every succeeding year, with the concurrence of the pastor and presbytery, to change the terms of this call so as to meet at least presbytery's prevailing minimum salary requirements.**

The resolution of thanks was read by W. D. Morton and adopted as follows:

We the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, meeting in the First Union Presbyterian Church this 22nd day of May, 1973, lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God our Father for the beauty of the day and for all that has made it so meaningful. We express our joy for the union that has made possible this particular church and pray for God's continued blessing upon it and the mission which He has given to this congregation in their community. The gracious hospitality or our host church, their thoughtful provision for our every need, and a delicious dinner efficiently served are deeply appreciated. The installation service for our new General Presbyter, Reverend Robert J. James, has been a glorious experience. We are thankful to each person who took part in this service and made it so meaningful for us all. Especially do we express our gratitude to the Reverend J. McDowell Richards for his inspiring sermon "The Holy Catholic Church", so appropriate for the occasion, and the the Reverend Neil Leach and the Reverend Marcus B. Prince, Jr. for their splendid charges delivered to Mr. James and the the Presbytery respectively. It is a service which we shall long remember. We pray for God's continued guidance and blessings upon Mr. James as our General Presbyter and upon our Presbytery as we follow his leadership. It was a joy to receive such fine candidates for the ministry under the care of our Presbytery and also the new members of Presbytery who will serve with us. Sincere appreciation goes to our Moderator Reverend Thomas A. Little for the excellent manner in which he has moderated this meeting. His knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order has kept the business of Presbytery moving smoothly, and his fine Christian spirit has been an example to us all. In closing we pray that we may have this day done God's will and that we may have done it to His Glory.

Respectfully submitted

W. D. Morton

Motion prevailed that the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk prepare and edit the Minutes of Presbytery with Council's approval.

Motion was made to adjourn. The Court stood and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. The Court stood adjourned to meet on Tuesday, September 25, 1973 at 9:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Roy W. Coker
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

6th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

May 22, 1973

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Jan., 1958	Badin Church	Rev. W. B. McSwain
April, 1958	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Jas. R. Cook
July, 1958	Central Steele Creek	Rev. Robert Turner
Sept., 1958	Camp Stewart	Rev. J. S. Garner
Jan., 1959	Biscoe Church	Rev. J. E. Wayland, Jr.
April, 1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Yandle
July, 1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept., 1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan., 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Forgartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct., 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
Apr., 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct. 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan. 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hildebrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan., 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct., 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
Apr., 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
Apr., 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct. 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb., 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Boyd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb. 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept. 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov. 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb. 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

1974

Officers Of The Presbytery:

Zane M. Moore, Moderator of September Meeting, Route 2, Box 1136, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Leonard H. Bullock, Moderator of November Meeting, 110 Bradford Dr., Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Robert J. James, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk. (1976) P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—Robert Turner (3), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2) Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr., Chairman, 1015 Habersham Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

1974—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale) (Chm.)

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza)

1976—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers

1974—Jennings B. Reid
1975—Russell M. Kerr (Chm.)
1975—Thornton W. Tucker
1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1976—Charles L. Kirby

Elders

1974—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)
1974—James H. Barnhardt (Covenant)
1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)
1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, 1211 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1974—John E. Smylie
1974—J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.
1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1976—Joe P. Arnold
1976—Charles C. Cowsert (Chm.)

Elders

1974—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1974—Alfred Canon (Myers Park)
1974—W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon)
1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)
1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)
1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)

2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, P. O. Box 6160, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1974—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. (Chm.)
1974—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Robert H. Ramey, Jr.
1975—Kenneth P. Craig
1976—Zane M. Moore
1976—Henry S. Robinson

Elders

1974—Frontis W. Johnston, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1974—Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant)
1975—W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Glenn Hunt (Cook's Memorial)
1976—G. R. Pierce (Monroe First)
1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)

A. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Julius W. Melton, Jr., Chairman, Box 345, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers

1974—A. Rudolph Hendricks
1975—Robert O. Freeman
1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)

Elders

1974—James M. Painter (Paw Creek)
1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)
1976—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, Route 2, Box 350, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1974—W. M. Boyce
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe (Chm.)
1976—R. Rod Love

Lay Members

1974—Roland M. Smith (Christ)
1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)
1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1974—Laura I. Buzard
1974—Arthur S. Gatewood
1974—Glenn L. Hill
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1975—M. B. Prince, III
1976—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.
1976—William M. Edwards, II
1976—R. Lee Nichols, Jr.
1976—R. Zach Thomas, III

Lay Members

1974—Mrs. Morgan Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)
1974—John M. McCaskill (Sardis)
1974—John M. Baughman (Covenant)
1974—Samuel G. Weir (Carmel)
1974—H. H. Blackwell (Calvary)
1975—Anthony S. Abbott, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1975—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry)
1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)
1976—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)
1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)
1976—Mrs. W. S. Pierce (Providence)
1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)
1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, P. O. Box 17654, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1974—J. Arthur Beard (Chm.)
1975—Thomas J. Nash, III
1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.

Lay Members

1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)
1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)

2. Strategy and Research

Randolph Norton, Chairman, 5201 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1974—Leonard H. Bullock
1974—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1975—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1975—Carl T. Uzzell
1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1976—Roy W. Coker

Lay Members

1974—A. Walton Litz (Myers Park)
1974—Randolph Norton (Sardis) (Chm.)
1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)
1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
1976—W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman, 4019 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1974—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
1974—James E. Ratchford
1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. (Chm.)
1975—George L. Ducker
1976—Lawrence I. Stell
1976—F. A. Mathes

Lay Members

1974—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)
1974—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1975—Carl Dumford (Caldwell Memorial)
1975—Fred O. Brown (Philadelphia)
1976—James B Kuykendall (Covenant)
1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)

4. Specialized Ministry

Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Chairman, 10140 Providence Road, Matthews, N. C. 28105

Ministers

1974—Friedrich Schilling (Chm.)
1974—Glenn B. Robinson
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1975—A. J. Morrison
1976—William B. Ward
1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.

Lay Members

1974—W. E. Moss (Hopewell)
1974—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1975—Mrs. Don Kellam (Providence)
1975—Harvey Poole (Williams Memorial)
1975—Don Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1976—Mrs J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)

5. World Missions

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman, Route 3, Box 441, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Ministers

1974—Eldon D. Wadsworth, (Chm.)
1975—G. Carswell Hughs
1976—Earle D. Roberts

Lay Members

1974—Mrs. Emmett Crook (Covenant)
1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)
1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

George O. Stovall, Chairman, 1314 North Sixth Street, Albemarle, N. C. 28001

Ministers	Lay Members
1974—Leonard H. Bullock	1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1974—Zane M. Moore	1974—Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Ave.)
1975—Thomas W. MacLean	1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1975—Joe P. Arnold	1975—George O. Stovall (Chm.) (Albemarle First)
1976—Roy W. Coker	1976—J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial)
1976—James W. Eller	1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1211 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers	Lay Members
1974—Frank C. Wilkinson	1974—John E. Butler (Amity)
1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)	1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)
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1976—James E. Fogartie	1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)

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1976—J. David Fletcher	1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)

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1975—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)
1976—G. Carswell Hughs

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John M. Hamlet	
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
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A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
Robert J. James	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Chaplain
A. Leslie Thompson	Clanton Memorial (Stated Supply)
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Robert H. Ramey, Jr.	Selwyn Avenue
Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
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C. Franklin Jacks	Professor, Queens College
Raeford Rodney Love	Benton Heights
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Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
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J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigel Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Assistant)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
R. Thomas Cheely	Locust
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
Arthur S. Gatewood	Albemarle First (Associate)
William B. Ward	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	Steele Creek (Associate)
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	
Robert H. Teed	Philadelphia (Associate)
William M. Edwards, II	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	Admin. Davidson College
Robert Lee Nichols, Jr.	Avondale (Associate)
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	Davidson College (Assistant)
Earle D. Roberts	Covenant (Assistant)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	McQuay
J. K. Aiken, Jr.	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	Plaza
E. E. Washington	Smallwood
S. E. Barrett	Camden-Morven
James P. Knight	Thomasboro (Assistant)
K. Braxton Garriss	Evangelist
Fred R. Horner	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	Trinity (Assistant)

Total Ministers **145**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

John Clyde Brown, Columbia Seminary, Third Church

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

James Craig Butler, Louisville Seminary, Amity Church

William B. Carr, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Wayne G. Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

Shirley Ann Gilliam, Union Seminary, New York, Covenant Church

Gerald B. Hurst, Union Seminary, Philadelphia Church

Charles F. Klotzberger, Union Seminary, Sharon Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Timothy Derr Mayes, U. N. C.—Charlotte, Ramah Church

David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Robert Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Margaret Barnes Peery, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Thomas K. Pettus, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Jon Watson Regen, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Donald Eric Stroud, Princeton, Christ Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

Robert C. Wilson, Belhaven College, Locust Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

The Seventh Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church
Monroe, North Carolina
September 25, 1973

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened in the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, North Carolina at 9:00 A.M. on September 25, 1973.

The Moderator, Thomas A. Little, Jr., called the meeting to order. After the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", the Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, The Reverend Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer, was presented to the Presbytery. He addressed the Court after Scripture reading.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Joe P. Arnold, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Harry H. Bryan, Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, R. Thomas Cheely, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, Arthur S. Gatewood, Warner L. Hall, John M. Handley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. B. Kirkland, Jr., W. D. Kuenzli, Neil C. Leach, T. A. Little, Jr., R. Rod Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., Neely McCarter, Earl R. MacCormac, Thomas W. MacLean, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Frank A. Mathes, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, Thomas J. Nash, III, Robert Lee Nichols, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, W. Rush Otey, III, H. Louis Patrick, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Eugene P. Poe, Robert H. Ramey, Jr., James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, H. E. Stoessel, Robert H. Teed, R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., Roy F. Whitley, David E. Wilkinson, Frank C.

Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, Edward C. Wilson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Charles N. Clegg, Fred C. Holder, G. Carswell Hughs, Robert S. Maclin, III, W. D. Morton, French B. O'Shields, Jr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., J. Daniel Zeluff.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Glenn L. Hill, James S. Mann.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, Dr. William O. Jolly; Albemarle Road, Mrs. Mildred Gryder; Altan, Odus Doster; Amay James, Harry Evans; Amity, Emmett H. Marion; Avondale, F. L. Ratchford; Badin, John W. McFadden; Banks, Roy Carter; W. H. Belk, Sam Teleshuk; Bethel; Clyde Goodson, Benton Heights, Mrs. Margaret Kitchen; Bethlehem, Buford A. Price; Bethany, Roy Snipes; Caldwell Memorial, E. J. Lyerly; Calvary, J. William Brown; Camden, Charles R. Moore; Carmel, J. P. Williams; Central Steele Creek, Charles F. Blackwelder; Charlotte First, Ernest Barry, Mrs. M. B. Speir, Jr.; Charlotte Third, O. W. Connell, Jr., Harper Newbohl; Christ, John Fleming; Cooks Memorial, Charles J. Parker; Covenant, Herbert E. Rupp, W. K. Dickson, Z. Reid Dillingham, John W. Baughman; Davidson College, Malcolm Lester; First Union, Glenn Rogers; Forest Hill, C. A. Hunter; Hickory Grove, Marshal Alexander; Hopewell, J. Marshall Blythe; Huntersville, C. Herbert Smith; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Bruce E. Stinson; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Lee Park, W. R. McCain; Locust, Wilson J. Barbee; Mallard Creek, Wilson R. Jones; Matthews, J. William Russell; McGee, J. Ross Kistler; McQuay, John J. Ozmont; Memorial, Van D. Crutchfield; Monroe, Fred McCallum; Morven, W. E. Stegall, Jr.,; Myers Park, Richard A. Bigger, Jr., McAlister Carson, Jr., Earl Arthurs, Beaumert Whitton; Newell, J. F. Caldwell; Norwood, Thomas A. Wilson; Oakboro, Edith McLendon; Pageland, Ray A. Yandle; Paw Creek, W. Brooks Trippett; Philadelphia, Ralph E. Howell; Plaza, C. J. Boardman, Jr., Charles R. Smith; Pleasant Hill, Sam A Winget; Providence, Rufus B. King; Quail Hollow, James T. Deal; Ramah, Otis C. Gray; Ridgecrest, Garett Smith; Robinson, B. W. Faires; St. Andrews, Ben M. Folk; St. Giles, Rex V. Hoffman; St. John, Marcus J. Estridge; Salem, Tom Moore; Sardis, H. H. Hendrickson, Elmer F. Smith, Mrs. Roy Spoon; Seigle Avenue, George B. Michie, Jr.; Selwyn Avenue, Billie J. McFall; Sharon, Mrs Elgerine Elliott; Siler, Harold E. Plyler; Smallwood, Dannie Martin; South Tryon, Mrs. Eva Mae Graham; Steele Creek, Roy R. Helms, Basil L. Irwin; Stephenson, Tommy Joe Haywood; Sugaw Creek, Bill Byram, William H. Tarrant; Thomasboro, Evan W. Holyfield, Robert A. Plyler, Jr.; Trinity, Elliott Neal; Turner, George W. Simpson; Unionville, George Medlin; Wadesboro, William Wildermuth; Walkersville, Mitchell Tyson; Waxhaw, H. G. McLaughlin; Westminster, W. Frank Robinson; Westover Hills, J. B. Morrow; Williams Memorial, F. P. Troutman.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Clanton Memorial, East.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Hawley Memorial, Marshville, New Salem, Rehoboth, Mulberry.

A quorum was declared present.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed. All Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-nomination, Zane M. Moore, was elected by acclamation.

Roy W. Coker was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the docket. The motion to adopt the docket was made and seconded.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Address by Charles E. S. Kraemer, Moderator of the General Assembly.
   Introduction by T. A. Little, Jr., Retiring Moderator of Presbytery
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren.
3. Election of Moderator, Reverend Zane M. Moore, Moderator-Nominee.
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings) Warner L. Hall.
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements by Host Pastor, William M. Edwards, II.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures
   2. Attendance
   3. Tellers
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Interpretation Committee—Charles E. S. Kraemer.
9. Report of the Division of Elders and Professional Personnel.
   Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee — Charles C. Cowsert
   - A. Candidates for Ordination
   - B. Ministers to be received
   - C. Candidates to come Under care of Presbytery
10. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (last order before morning recess)
    Recess: 10:15 - 10:30 A.M.
11. Commission on the Minister and His Work—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
12. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee—Horace E. Stoessel.
13. Memorial to Oliver W. Carmichael (last order before lunch 12:25 P.M.)
    Lunch: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
14. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr.
    (Budget and Stewardship Report—T. W. Tucker)
15. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.
16. Commissions to be Appointed.
17. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee—Roy W. Coker.
    Recess: 3:30-3:45 P.M.
18. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes.
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction.

Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, made the following amendment to the docket which was seconded and adopted:

The Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee presents:

3 Candidates for Ordination
6 Minister Transfers
2 Candidates for Reception Under Care

Consequently, we recommend the following two changes in the Docket:

1. That under Item No. 9 the **order of** B and C be **reversed.**
2. That following the election of Moderator-Nominee—the last item before recess—Presbytery be divided, by color of commissioners' name tags, into three groups each to meet in separate places for the purpose of hearing a sermon by a particular candidate for ordination;

   That following the hearing of the sermon, Presbytery be in recess until the time to be stated by the Moderator at which time Presbytery will reconvene in the Sanctuary to continue the examinations for Ordination.

The docket was adopted as amended.

Presbytery accepted the invitation to hold the November 27, 1973 Stated Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

William M. Edwards, II, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, welcomed the members of Presbytery and made necessary announcements. Mr. Edwards noted that the church is celebrating its 100th year of ministry to the community.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

T. A. Little, Jr., Chairman
Henry S. Robinson
F. A. Mathes
Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
W. O. Jolly (Albemarle First)
Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
J. E. Wayland, Jr.
Robert S. Maclin, III
Wilson Barbee (Locust)
Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)
Bill Byrum (Sugaw Creek)
John Fleming (Christ)

TELLERS

George L. Ducker, Chairman
R. Zach Thomas, III
Robert H. Teed
Bill Tarrant (Steele Creek)
Fred L. Ratchford (Avondale)
C. Jack Boardman (Plaza)
Charles A. Hunter

RESOLUTIONS

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Chairman
Emmett Marion (Amity)
Mrs. Mildred Gryder (Albemarle Road)

Charles E. S. Kraemer, Chairman of the Interpretation Committee, reported for that Committee.

The second reading to the Manual was adopted and the Manual amended.

The Interpretation Committee recommends that the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery be amended by inserting at the bottom of Page 5 on the Chapter on DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL the following paragraph:

"The Committee of Candidates is urged to keep a list of the names of members of the churches of the Presbytery who are planning to enter the service of the Church as professional personnel and to inform the Presbytery from time to time who these people are. It is urged that the Presbytery's Candidates Committee manifest interest in and concern for these people, working with the sessions of the churches to which they belong in order to offer them encouragement, and guidance in their preparation and to let them know of Presbytery's concern for them." (SECOND READING)

The Presbytery approved the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States as sent down by the 1973 General Assembly for advice and consent as follows:

1. Amend Section 10-6 by adding the following phrase at the end of the first sentence:
   ". . . subject to the provisions of 16-2 and 18-6(8)."
2. Amend 16-2 by adding the following clause at the end of the second sentence:
   ". . .; nor shall any Minister engage in work which is under the jurisdiction of a higher court, such as the work of missions outside the bounds of Presbyteries comprising the General Assembly, which is under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly, without commissioning by the proper agency of such higher court."
3. Amend 18-6(8) by adding the following clause at the end of the sentence:
   ". . ., which measures shall include the work of missions outside the bounds of Presbyteries comprising the General Assembly."
4. Amend the Book of Church Order by changing the designation, "Commission on the Minister and His Work," wherever it appears, to "Commission on the Minister." (See especially Chapters 21 and 22—Stated Clerk).
5. Amend the Book of Church Order by deleting Section 22-2. (The full **Minutes** state the constitutional change thus requested is for the purpose of implementing the decision to restructure boards and agencies voted by the 112th General Assembly, which assigned the functions of the Assembly's Commission on the Minister and His Work to the General Executive Board.—Stated Clerk)

The Stated Clerk read the communications as follows:

1. Letters from Indian Trail and Stephenson Churches' Sessions affirming their loyalty to the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Received as information.
2. A Resolution from the Thomasboro Church concerning

the referendum on Liquor by the Drink was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

3. Letters of Dismission of Ministers were received as follows:
   Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr.—Concord Presbytery
   Finley M. Grissett, Jr.—Concord Presbytery
   William G. Katibah, Jr.—Suwannee Presbytery
   Zachary T. Piephoff, Jr.—Hanover Presbytery
   Earle D. Roberts—Lexington Presbytery
   Emanuel Ezra Washington—The Covenant Presbytery

4. Letters of Dismissal of Candidates were received as follows:
   Steven E. Barrett—Memphis Presbytery
   James Parker Knight—Atlanta Presbytery

5. Requests to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery were referred to the Attendance Committee.

6. Minutes of the Commission to Ordain and Install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR WILLIAM M. EDWARDS, II AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on June 3, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were:

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman; Zane M. Moore, J. Arthur Beard, B. D. Dotson (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

RULING ELDERS:

G. Dick Pierce and W. O. Jolly, III.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. W. O. Jolly, III was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. G. Dick Pierce read the Scripture and Robert J. James had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Zane M. Moore on the topic, "The Faith We Long For".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that

William M. Edwards, II has been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by B. D. Dotson.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by J. Arthur Beard.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by J. Arthur Beard.

W. O. Jolly, III
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR WILLIAM B. WARD AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 10, 1973 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were:

MINISTERS: J. Cecil Lawrence, Chairman; Horace E. Stoessel, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg.

RULING ELDERS: James B. Kuykendall, A. B. Mackey.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by James B. Kuykendall. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Horace E. Stoessel read the Scripture and J. Cecil Lawrence had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Douglas W. Oldenburg on the text from I Corinthians 12:4 and 5.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Covenant Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Associate Minister the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that William B. Ward had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Horace E. Stoessel.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by A. B. Mackey.

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT LEE NICHOLS, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on June 10, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were:

MINISTERS: Thomas W. MacLean, Chairman; Oliver W. Carmichael, George L. Ducker.

RULING ELDERS: Al Robinson, Ransom C. White, Gordon H. Rettke, M.D.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Thomas W. MacLean. Ransom C. White was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Gordon H. Rettke, M.D. read the Scripture and Al Robinson had the prayer of ordination and installation.

The Sermon was preached by George L. Ducker on the text: Colossians 3:12-17.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Avondale Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Robert Lee Nichols, Jr. had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of the Avondale Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Oliver W. Carmichael.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Thomas W. MacLean.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Oliver W. Carmichael.

Ransom C. White
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR WILBUR RUSH OTEY, III AS ASSISTANT MINISTER/MINISTER TO STUDENTS OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1973 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 24, 1973 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were:

MINISTERS: John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman; Oliver W. Carmichael, Frank C. Wilkinson.

RULING ELDERS: G. Don Davidson, John D. Kelton, Samuel R. Spencer. Wilbur R. Otey, Jr. and D. P. McGeachy, II were invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by John B. Rogers, Jr. G. Don Davidson was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

Frank C. Wilkinson presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. G. Don Davidson and Wilbur R. Otey, Jr. read the Scripture and Samuel R. Spencer, Jr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by D. P. McGeachy, II on the topic, "Love Is A Rubric".

Oliver W. Carmichael stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

Oliver W. Carmichael propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. He then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Davidson College Presbyterian Church Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. Mr. Carmichael then declared that Wilbur Rush Otey, III had been regularly elected, Ordained, and installed as Assistant Minister/Minister to Students of the Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Assistant Pastor was delivered by John B. Rogers, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by John D. Kelton.

Following prayer and singing, the new Assistant pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by John B. Rogers, Jr.

G. Don Davidson
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT HAROLD TEED AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1973 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 24, 1973 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were:

MINISTERS: Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, Russell M. Kerr, Robert J. James, Richard P. Shaw.

RULING ELDERS: Robert F. Stokes, Fred O. Brown, Ray H. Waltham.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Richard P. Shaw. Ray H. Waltham was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Worship and Installation Service.

Russell M. Kerr led the Worship Service The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Ray H. Waltman read the Scripture Lesson from Mark 2:1-12.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the subject, "Hold Up Your Corner".

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Commission, stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Philadelphia Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then declared that Robert Harold Teed had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Philadelphia Church. Fred O. Brown led in the installation prayer.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Richard P. Shaw.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Robert F. Stokes.

Following the singing of a hymn, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Leonard W. Topping.

Ray H. Waltman
Secretary

7. Minutes of Commission to Merge Albermarle Road and Commonwealth-Eastminster Churches were admitted to record:

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO MERGE ALBEMARLE ROAD AND COMMONWEALTH-EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON JUNE 10, 1973

The Commission convened in the library of the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 10, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. Robert J. James, Chairman, called the Commission to order with prayer Hunter R. Hill was elected Secretary.

Members of Commission present: **Ministers:** Robert J. James, J. Cecil Lawrence, Thomas A. Little, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Russell M. Kerr, and Hunter R. Hill. **Ruling Elders:** Thomas Donaldson, Charles A. Hunter, David A. Jordan, James B. Kuykendall, and Mrs. Richard Wright.

At 8:00 the Commission joined with the congregation for worship. The Chairman explained the purpose of the Commission which had been given authority by the Mecklenburg Presbytery to merge the Albemarle Road and Commonwealth-Eastminster Churches.

The Chairman called the congregation to worship, after which the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" was sung. Mr. James delivered the invocation and led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

The congregation, led by Thomas Donaldson, read the Old Testament lesson. The New Testament lesson was read by Mrs. Richard Wright.

After the anthem "Surely the Lord is in This Place," Thomas C. Bryan delivered the prayer of dedication.

The membership rolls of Albemarle Road and Commonwealth-Eastminster Churches were presented to the Chairman by the clerk of each congregation.

The Chairman asked the congregations if they were ready to adopt the Plan of Union presented to the Mecklenburg Presbytery. They voted in the affirmative.

After the Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions, he declared that the Albemarle Road and Commonwealth-Eastminster Churches were united into the (new) Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church.

The congregation of Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church elected the following Ruling Elders: C. L. Baker, Floyd Bass, Jr., Clyde M. Bingman, W. B. Brown, M. C. Clark, W. E. Cochran, Jr., R. M. Givens, Mrs. J. B. Gryder, Bobby Heath, S. L. Holland, George H. Jones, Stan Lathrop, Paul Lotshaw, Jr., Bobby L. Lucas, R. E. McCoy, E. B. Massey, D. K. Meigs, G. E. Midgett, Thomas E. Miller, Jesse Powell, and J. P. Robinson.

The following Deacons were elected: A. R. Boggs, Jr., Robert A. Browing, J. R. Caldwell, Robert E. Deese, Jr., Mrs. Jan (Lee) Dombrawski, J. M. Ford, W. C. Gladstone, Daniel C. Griffin, Jr., J. B. Henry, D. A. Houser, L. W. Kelly, Jim C. Koontz, B. L. McCarver, J. R. McGalliard, J. E. Neal, Grady Nichols, Edgar William Owens, C V. Pearce, D. H. Ramsey, W. C. Scarborough, Edward J. Schweiger, F. M. Sloan, J. R. Vinson, and C. W. Woods.

The following Trustees were elected: L. D. Berryhill, Sr., L. R. Brown, B. F. Conner, R. H. Hargett, George H. Jones, W. M. Logan, D. K. Meigs, G. E. Midgett, and Verland R. Smith.

The congregation extended a call to Rev. Richard P. Shaw to serve as Pastor. The terms of the call are as follows: Salary—$9,600.00; Car Expense—$1,400.00; Housing Allowance—$800.00; Free use of manse; 10% M.A.F. and Family Group Insurance; $500.00 Disability Insurance; Continuing Education as arranged by the Pastor and Session; One Month Vacation.

The call was placed in Mr. Shaw's hands.

The congregation extended a call to Rev. Robert O. Freeman to serve as Associate Pastor. The terms of the call are as follows: Salary —$9,600.00; Car Expense—$1,400.00; Housing Allowance—$800.00; Free use of manse; 10% M.A.F. and Family Group Insurance; $500.00 Disability Insurance; Continuing Education as arranged by the Pastor and Session: One Month Vacation.

The call was placed in Mr. Freeman's hands.

The Constitutional Questions to the Ruling Elders and Deacons were propounded by Russell M. Kerr.

The Constitutional Questions to the congregation were answered in the affirmative and Mr. Kerr declared the officers of the Albemarle Road Church to be installed.

The Constitutional Questions to the Pastor and the Associate Pastor were propounded by Mr. Kerr and were answered in the affirmative. The Constitutional Questions to the congregation were also answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Kerr declared Richard P. Shaw and Robert O. Freeman to be elected and installed as Pastor and Associate Pastor of the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church.

James B. Kuykendall offered the prayer for the newly elected Pastors and Officers.

The Charge to the Pastors was given by J. Cecil Lawrence. The Charge to the Officers was given by David O. Jordan.

The Charge to the Congregation was given by Charles A. Hunter. Thomas A. Little, Jr. delivered a sermon on the subject "All Things New."

After the singing of the hymn, "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation," the congregation was led in a responsive reading by Mr. Freeman and the benediction was delivered by Mr. Shaw.

The Commission retired to the library and after the reading of the Minutes, which were approved, Thomas A. Little, Jr. led in the closing prayer.

Hunter R. Hill,
Secretary

Leonard H. Bullock was elected Moderator-in-Nomination by acclamation.

Presbytery divided into three groups to hear sermons by Candidates for ordination. Following the sermons, the Court took a fifteen minute recess.

The Presbytery reconvened at 10:50 A.M.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Ordination, C. F. Jacks, presented the Candidates for Ordination: Kermit Braxton Garriss, Steven E. Barrett, and James P. Knight.

Dr. Jacks reported that Candidates named above met all the requirements of the BCO, and that the theological thesis and exegesis were satisfactory to the Committee, Presbytery proceeded with the examination of the Candidates in accordance with the provisions of BCO-27-5.

Mr. Barrett preached a sermon before Presbytery entitled "Give Us A Baptism of Faith". Mr. Garriss' sermon title was "If You Really Knew Me" from Luke 5:1-11. Mr. Knight preached a sermon titled "Following Christ". The sermons were approved as a part of the examination for ordination.

All three Candidates stated to the Court their personal Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These were sustained as satisfactory.

Their examinations on Theology, Bible, the Sacraments and the Book of Church Order, including Government, Discipline and Worship, were sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory. Presbytery placed the calls in their hands which were accepted. Commissions were appointed to ordain and install the three Candidates as follows:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL KERMIT BRAXTON GARRISS AS AN EVANGELIST, SERVICE TO BE HELD IN THE ORR CHAPEL, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, N. C. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

G. Carswell Hughs, Chairman, To Preside.

Robert J. James, To Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, To preach the Sermon.

J. David Fletcher, Litany of Ordination.

Leonard W. Topping, Ordination Prayer.

RULING ELDERS:

Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Minister.

Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Church.

John H. Williams (Charlotte First), Prayer.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL JAMES P. KNIGHT AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE THOMASBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Leonard H. Bullock, Chairman, To preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Donald W. Smith, To Preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to Participate in the Service)

R. Thomas Cheely, To Deliver the Charge to the Assistant Pastor.

John A. Luddy, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Evan Holyfield (Thomasboro) Prayer.

Garmon McCall (Cook's Memorial) Scripture Reading.

Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL STEVEN E. BARRETT AS PASTOR OF THE CAMDEN AND MORVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 AT 7:00 P.M.

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MINISTERS:

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

James W. Eller, To preach the Sermon.

French B. O'Shields, Jr., To deliver the charge to the Pastor.

R. Wilbur Cousar, To deliver the charge to the Congregation. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

RULING ELDERS:

Charles Moore (Camden).

Ben Robinson (Morven).

Herbert Hildreth (Wadesboro)

Robert E. Barrett. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

See Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the calls for Messrs Garriss, Barrett and Knight.

At the request of the Moderator, Frank H. Caldwell took the Chair.

Zane M. Moore presented the following Ministers to be examined for reception into Presbytery: Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr., Finley M. Grissett, Jr., William G. Katibah, Jr., Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., Earle D. Roberts and Emanuel E. Washington.

Presbytery examined these Ministers on their Christian experience and on their views in theology, the Sacraments and the Government of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Their examinations were sustained in each part and as a whole. They were enrolled in Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers. The calls were placed in their hands and were accepted, and the following Commissions were appointed for installation:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL EMANUEL E. WASHINGTON AS PASTOR OF THE SMALLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1873 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

James E. Fogartie, To preach the Sermon.

M. A. Cochrane, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Randolph Norton (Sardis), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Wymon Griffin (Smallwood).

Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL JEFFERSON K. AIKEN, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

James G. Stuart, To preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Charles C. Cowsert, Scripture Reading.

J. K. Aiken, Sr., Prayer. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

M. B. Prince, Jr.

RULING ELDERS

James R. Henderson (Westminster) To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek) To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

W. Brooks Tippett (Paw Creek).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL FINLEY M. GRISSETT, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE McQUAY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Hugh McClure, To preach the Sermon (to be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

J. Cecil Lawrence, Dedicatory Prayer.

RULING ELDERS:

Randolph Norton (Sardis), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Robert Prather (McQuay), Invocation.

Marshall Dellinger, (McQuay), Scripture Reading.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL WILLIAM G. KATIBAH, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE FOREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert H. Teed, To preach the Sermon.

J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill), Scripture Lesson.

Duncan S. MacRae, Jr. (Forest Hill), Prayer of Installation.

William G. Katibah, Sr. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL Z. T. PIEPHOFF, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE PLAZA PRESBYTERIAN CRURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1973 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

W. D. Kuenzli, To Deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Mrs. Dorothy Fesperman (Plaza), To Deliver the Charge to the Minister.

T. A. Biggers (Indian Trail).

B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza).

Adrian E. Aman (Plaza).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL EARLE D. ROBERTS AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973 AT 6:15 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

G. Carswell Hughs, To preach the Sermon.

Warner L. Hall, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant), To deliver the Charge to the Assistant Pastor.

John W. Rosebro (Covenant), To lead in Prayer.

A. T. Trimble, Jr. (Charlotte First), to read the Scripture.

See Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for terms of the calls for the above Ministers.

The CHARLOTTE CONFERENCE ON WITNESS AND MISSION was announced for January 26-30, 1974.

Frank H. Caldwell read the following Memorial to Oliver W. Carmichael:

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND OLIVER WALTHALL CARMICHAEL, JR.

The life of Oliver Walthall Carmichael, Jr. was consummated on July 27, 1973. He was born on June 20, 1919 in Lesslie, South Carolina, the son of Mary Belle McGill Carmichael and the late Oliver Walthall Carmichael, Sr.

He was graduated in 1941 from Erskine College and, in 1944, from Erskine Theological Seminary. He was licensed and ordained by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and, in that body, he served until 1948 when he was called as Associate Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. He was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Kentucky, from 1949-1953, Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida, from 1953-1958, Pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, South Carolina, from 1958-1966, and Pastor of the Sharon Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina from 1966 until the time of his entry into the Church Triumphant.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Alice Nims Carmichael, who always stood stalwart and steadfast by his side, upholding his hands in his work. The four surviving children are: Mary Margaret (Mrs. De Witt Benjamin Nance, Jr.), Anne Ruth, David John and Susan Elizabeth.

The Service of Worship, in his memory and to the Glory of God, was conducted on July 29, 1973 at 3:00 P.M. in the Sharon Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina by The Reverend Doctor Frank H. Caldwell, faithful friend of the family for over a quarter of a century. Interment was in the Neely's Creek Community Cemetery, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

OLIVER WALTHALL CARMICHAEL, JR. was a minister, by the grace of God, of broad sympathies and deep consecration. He was a man of dedication, dignity and devotion, who was diligent in the performance of his duties, and worked unremittingly for the glory of the Master. He preached the Gospel with uncompromising convictions, with the preciseness of a preacher prepared, and with the power of a man motivated and moved by the Spirit of God.

With his family and friends, we thank God for the noble service which he faithfully performed as Chaplain in the Armed Forces during the turmoil of war.

We thank God for his ministry of Word and Sacraments to congregations in five synods.

We give thanks to God for his pastoral ministry to the residents of Sharon Towers, for his diligence in giving direction to the Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, for his guidance as General Chairman of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee and for fair and concerned leadership as Chairman of the Personnel Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

In the passing of Oliver Carmichael, we are reminded of these farewell words which David once spoke to his dear friend, Jonathan: "You will be missed because your place will be empty."

Dr. Caldwell moved that the Memorial to Oliver W. Carmichael be adopted and that it be received by standing vote, that the Memorial be recorded in Presbytery's Minutes and copies be sent to members of the family and others as the Stated Clerk deems desirable; and that members of Presbytery remain standing for a season of silent prayer on behalf of members of the Carmichael Family and the congregation of the Sharon Presbyterian Church. Adopted.

Presbytery recessed for Lunch with prayer by Dr. Caldwell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened, being called to order by the Moderator.

J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., Chairman of the Candidates Sub-Committee, reported for the Committee. Recommendation was made that the name of Alan M. Wentz be removed from the Roll of Candidates of Mecklenburg Presbytery at his own request. Adopted.

He then presented Margaret Barnes Peery and Martha Elaine Rhodes, both members of Davidson College Presbyterian Church and both students at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, for examination prior to being received under the care of Presbytery. Mr. Kirkland reported that the Committee had examined both of these young ladies in accordance with the provisions of the BCO and the Manual of Presbytery; that they had met all the requirements and that the Committee recommended them to the Presbytery. They both gave statements to the Presbytery concerning their Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These were sustained as satisfactory by the Court.

Presbytery voted to receive Mrs. Peery and Miss Rhodes as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Constitutional Questions were asked by the Moderator and answered in the affirmative. A Charge was delivered to the Candidates by Beaumert Whitton, a Ruling Elder in the Myers Park Church and a member of the Candidates Committee. Charles C. Cowsert led the Presbytery in prayer. The Moderator declared that Mrs. Peery and Miss Rhodes were now Candidates under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery and pronounced the benediction.

John B. Rogers, Jr. made the following motion which was seconded.

1. That Presbytery instruct the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations, in subsequent reports to Presbytery, to provide biographical information on the Candidates to be examined and more specific information indicating their sufficient knowledge of theology, Bible, Church Government and Sacraments.

Lawrence I. Stell made the following motion to refer:

That Mr. Rogers' motion be referred to Presbytery's Council for study, consultation with the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee and report back to Presbytery with reference both to the examinations of candidates for ordination and for receiving ministers from other presbyteries or from other churches.

John B. Rogers, Jr. made the following motion which was seconded:

2. That Presbytery instruct the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee and the Sub-Committee on Examinations to incorporate into their respective examination processes emphasis upon the action of the 1968 General Assembly on ministerial loyalty. (See 1968 Minutes of the General Assembly—page 107). This motion was adopted.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was made by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., and adopted as follows:

Since the last meeting of Presbytery on May 22, 1973, the Commission on the Minister and His Work has met twice. We would report the following items for the information and action of Presbytery:

From the June 21, 1973 meeting:

1. A letter of transfer was authorized for the Rev. John H. McVay to Lacawana Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
2. Dr. David Wilkinson was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Matthews Church for August, September and October, 1973. (October eliminated by item #2 from meeting of September 20, 1973)
3. Rev. W. O. Nelson was approved as Interim Supply of the Smallwood Church for July, August, September, 1973.
4. The assistant pastoral relationship between the Rev. David S. Templeton and the Session of the Myers Park Presbyterian

Church was dissolved, effective July 31, 1973. Mr. Templeton was granted a letter of transfer to the Ozark-Union Presbytery where he has been called to become pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

From the September 20, 1973 meeting:

1. We would report that over 60% of our ministers who are in active pastoral relations are now enrolled in our Disability Insurance Plan, thus making all of our ministers eligible for the group plan benefits.
2. Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Sr. was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Matthews Church for the month of October, 1973.
3. Rev Lawrence I. Stell was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Sharon Church, if the way be clear, for three months, beginning October 1, 1973.
4. Rev. James McQuiston was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Ridgecrest Church for the month of October, 1973.
5. The pastoral relationship between the Rev. James S. Mann and the Ridgecrest Church was dissolved as of July 31, 1973, at his own request and with the concurrence of the Congregation.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that Rev. James S. Mann be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery in the employment of the Salvation Army.
2. We recommend that Rev. Lawrence I. Stell be designated as "Honorably Retired" as of September 1, 1973.
3 We recommend that Rev. W. B. H. Corkey be designated as "Honorably Retired" as of August 17, 1973.
4. We recommend that Mr. John W. Hesley (who was divested of office without censure at his own request by Presbytery on May 23, 1972—but not assigned to membership in a particular congregation) be assigned to membership in St. Stephen Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

Calls:

We would report that the terms of calls for the following ministers and candidates for the ministry were found in order (subject to minor changes, as indicated). We recommend that after satisfactory examinations, their respective calls be placed in their hands and that commissions be appointed for ordination and installation:

5. Rev. Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr. called to Paw Creek Church

Salary	$ 9,720.00
Auto Allowance	2,500.00

Major Medical Insurance for minister and family
Disability Insurance
Manse and manse utilities
One day per week and one month each year for rest and recreation
Moving expense
M.A F. 10%

6. Mr. Steven Earl Barrett called to the Camden and Morven Churches

Camden		Morven
Salary—60% of $7,200.00 or $4,320.00	40% or	$2,880.00
Auto Allowance—60% of $1,000.00 or $600.00	40% or	400.00
Hospital Insurance—60%	40%	
M.A.F.—60% of full 10% cost	40%	
Vacation—one month	one month	
Utilities—60% of $240.00 or $144.00	40% or	96.00
Moving Expense—60%	40%	
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7. Mr. Kermit Braxton Garriss called to evangelistic work in Brazil by Board of World Missions
Salary

Base Salary	$ 7,800.00
Cost of living adjustment	348.00
Total Salary	7,452.00
Total per month	621.00

Housing provided
Medical Expenses provided
Transportation to and from the field provided
Expenses for education of children through high school provided
(College student children of missionaries receive $1,000 scholarship per year)

8. Rev. Finley M. Grissett, Jr. to McQuay Memorial Church

Salary	$ 7,500.00
Auto Allowance	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Allowance	300.00

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Utilities less toll calls
Hospital Insurance for family
Vacation — four weeks
Moving expenses
M.A.F. 10%
Disability Insurance

9. Mr. James Parker Knight to Thomasboro Church as Assistant Minister

Salary	$ 8,000.00
Automobile Allowance	1,000.00
Utilities Allowance	814.00

Manse
M.A.F. 10%
Hospitalization Insurance for minister and family
Vacation — one month
Moving expenses

10. Rev. William G. Katibah, Jr. to Forest Hill Church

Salary	$10,800.00
Manse Expense	3,600.00
Auto Allowance	1,500.00
Book Allowance	150.00
Utilities Allowance	800.00
Educational Trust Fund	900.00

Group Insurance for minister and family
Vacation — four weeks
Two weeks study leave each year
Moving Expense
M.A.F. 10%

11. Rev. Zachary Taylor Piephoff, Jr. to Plaza Church

Salary	$11,600.00

M.A.F. 10%
Church furnish new car, insurance, repair, tires, etc.; minister furnish gas and oil
Housing Allowance $3,000.00 to $3,600.00 (depending on housing available in area)
Vacation — four weeks
Continuing Education $200.00 and two weeks, upon request
Social Security paid in full
Group Insurance paid in full, including disability
Moving Expense
Annual review of terms of call
(Approved subject to change of wording concerning Social Security to "an amount equal to Social Security payment in full".)

12. Rev. Earl D. Roberts to Covenant Church as Assistant Minister-Church Administrator

Salary	$10,700.00
M.A.F. 10%	
Manse Allowance	4,200.00
Use of Auto	
Vacation — one month	
Two weeks for study	
Hospitalization Insurance for minister and family	
Disability Insurance	

13. Rev. Emanuel Ezra Washington to Smallwood Church

Salary	$ 8,000.00
Manse Allowance annually	2,000.00
Auto Allowance annually	1,000.00
Utility Allowance	600.00
Hospitalization	430.00
Continuing Education	300.00
Annuity payment	1,000.00
Four weeks vacation	
Moving Expenses	

(Approved subject to change in "Annuity Payment" to read: "Full Ministers Annuity Fund" payment.)

Eugene P. Poe presented a plaque to Lawrence I. Stell upon his retirement.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee was made by the Chairman, H. E. Stoessel. This report was received as information.

Presbytery Council's report was made by Russell M. Kerr, Chairman. The report was received as information and the following recommendations were adopted.

1. That the Demographic Study proposed by the Strategy and Research Committee along with the Deployment and Sustentation Committee be approved and that the Church Planning Consultations (James M. Earhart) be employed to do this work.
2. That the Office of Treasurer of Presbytery be combined with that of bookkeeper and assistant secretary.
3. That Miss Beatrice Kiser be called to the office of Treasurer effective January 1, 1974.
4. That Council be authorized to negotiate with the First Church, Charlotte, to arrange office space for the Treasurer.
5. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Young Adult Retreat be conducted by Reverend Laura Buzard.

The report of the Commissioners to the 1973 General Assembly was made by Friedrich Schilling, Jr. The report was received as information and the Commissioners were thanked for their diligence.

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Mecklenburg Presbytery support the building program of the Turner Church in the amount of $10,500 to be paid in equal amounts over three calendar years to begin January 1, 1974.
2. That Mecklenburg Presbytery endorse the loan from the Funds of the Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church, U. S. in the

amount of $20,000 at 4% interest and $30,000 at 6% interest, to the Turner Church for their Education-Fellowship Building.

3. That Mecklenburg Presbytery endorse the loan from the Funds of the Synod of North Carolina in the amount of $10,000 at 4% interest to the Siler Church for their Fellowship Building.

The report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures was made by Thomas A. Little, Jr., Chairman. Presbytery adopted the Resolution from the Session of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church as follows:

"That Mecklenburg Presbytery encourage its member Churches and Sessions to emphasize the grave importance of the up-coming-state-wide liquor-by-the-drink referendum and further to ask their congregations to pray earnestly, to study all the issues and to seek God's will as they vote for what is best for our great State and the Church."

J. Arthur Beard, presented the report of the Committee on Attendance, which is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted as amended:

We the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, North Carolina, this 25th day of September 1973 lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God our Father for the beauty of the day and its many blessings for all mankind. We are especially grateful for the opportunity of helping celebrate the 100th anniversary of our host Church. We are grateful to them for the marvelous facilities so generously made available for our use. We deeply appreciate the delicious food prepared and efficiently served by our host. It was indeed a thoughtful gesture on the part of the Episcopal Church to make their Fellowship Hall available for our over-flow luncheon gathering.

We feel deeply honored that Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer, Moderator of the General Assembly, was able to take time from his busy schedule to be with us today and to deliver the opening address.

We are thankful to each person who took part in this service and made it so meaningful for all of us. We thank God for the young men and women who this day have been accepted by this Court into Christian service and pray His Divine guidance on their future.

Sincere appreciation goes to Dr. Zane M. Moore for the manner in which he has moderated this meeting. His expert knowledge in conducting meetings of this nature has enabled us to move smoothly and orderly. His fine Christian spirit will serve as an example for all of us.

We express our thanks for the extraordinary high quality of the statements of the two candidates Margaret Barnes Peery and Martha Elaine Rhodes.

We pray that God's will has been done this day.

Upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Presbytery elected Ruling Elder Don Monteith of Cook's Memorial Church to the Specialized Ministry Committee, Class of 1975, replacing Howard S. White of the Hopewell Church, resigned.

Presbytery elected Joe P. Arnold, Class of 1975, to the Personnel Committee replacing Oliver W. Carmichael. Ruling Elder Sam C. Elliott (Plaza), Class of 1974, was elected Chairman of the Personnel Committee replacing Oliver W. Carmichael.

The Christian Education Committee's report was received as information.

The Father of the Moderator, Ruling Elder C. C. Moore, was introduced to Presbytery.

The motion prevailed that the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk prepare and edit the Minutes of Presbytery with Council's approval.

Motion was made to adjourn.

The Court stood and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. The Court stood adjourned to meet on Tuesday, November 27, 1973 at 9:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Roy W. Coker
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Eighth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 27, 1973

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 27, 1973.

The Moderator, Zane M. Moore, called the meeting to order, and led the Court in prayer. He then presented to the Presbytery Candidate Rodney C. Shoemaker, who led the worship service. The Scripture reading was from Romans 8, and Mr. Shoemaker preached a sermon based on the Scripture that he had read.

ENROLLMENT: The following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., W. R. Aughinbaugh, Joe P. Anrold, Steve E. Barrett, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Cunningham, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., W. M. Edwards, II, James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, R. O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Arthur S. Gatewood, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., James P. Knight, W. D. Kuenzli, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, T. A. Little, Jr., R. Rod Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., A. G. McInnis, A. J. McKelway, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Robert S. Maclin, Frank Alfred Mathes, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, R. Lee Nichols, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. Rush Otey, H. Louis Patrick, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, R. H. Ramey, Jr., J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, John E. Smylie, Zack Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. Edwin Wayland, J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, J. Dan Zeluff.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. Arthur Beard, Laura Buzard, R. Thomas Cheely, Leighton Ford, Charles E. S. Kraemer, Neely McCarter, Earl R. MacCormac, T. J. Nash, III, Eugene P. Poe, Robert H. Teed.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Paul W. Beazley, Robert C. Benson, Charles N. Clegg, Dan L. Durway, John M. Handley, Hunter R. Hill, James S. Mann, Charles M. Murray, Javan W. Reid, Jr., James H. Shackelford, W. G. Workman.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, William O. Jolly, M.D.; Albemarle Road, Price Robinson; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, J. Roderick Cameron; Avondale, R. C. White; Banks, Robert E. White; Benton Heights, J. Earl Williams; Bethlehem, Hugh Harper; Caldwell Memorial, E. J. Lyerly; Calvary, W. E. Hastings; Camden, Charlie R. Moore; Carmel, Samuel Weir; Central Steele Creek, Charles M. Joy; Charlotte First, Mrs. M. B. Speir, Jr., Mrs. Edgar Kornegay; Christ, W. M. Burch; Clanton Memorial, L. F. Brooks, Sr.; Cook's Memorial, E. E. White; Cornelius, Paul M. Poteat; Covenant, James C. Barnes, James J. Harris, Alfred E. Pruitt, Charles B. Trexler; Davidson College, Malcolm Lester; East, Mrs. Earl Talbert; First Union, A. D. Morgan; Forest Hill, Sam W. Hall; Hopewell, Vance McElroy; Huntersville, C. Herbert Smith; Indian Trail, T. A. Biggers; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Vaude K. Tucker; Matthews, Lex Hood; McGee, J. Ross Kistler; McQuay, Charles Cloud; Memorial, Clarence B. Hoffman; Monroe First, Leslie Everette; Morven, John N. Wall; Mulberry, Frank F. White; Myers Park, Earl Arthurs, R. A. Blaadr, Jr., Douglas W. Booth, A. Grant Whitney; Newell, Donald E. Beckwith; Norwood, David C. Lee; Oakboro, Mrs. W. J. McLendon; Paw Creek, Ted Campbell; Philadelphia, J. Baxter Bigham, James E. Harper; Plaza, D. R. Martin, Fred Phillips; Pleasant Hill, William B. Griffin; Providence, Tom S. Mills; Quail Hollow, William E. Bates; Ridgecrest, J. Alvin Ritchie; Robinson, Bryon Luna; St. Andrews, H. M. Irvin, Jr.; St. Giles, Tom Nicholson; St. John, Mrs. Stewart E. Oldham; Sardis, E. L. Gabb, Sham Blackley, Jr., Joseph M. Clark; Seigle Avenue, Mrs. Ray Gardner; Selwyn Avenue, Henry C. Buchanan, Billie J. McFall; Sharon, Mrs. Reid Brown; South Tryon, Mrs. Annie N. Davis; Steele Creek, Worth E. Neel, Sr.; Stephenson, Guy D. Privette; Sugaw Creek, Paul Craig, W. S. Abernethy; Third, David F. Phillips; Thomasboro, George M. McCall, Samuel T. Peery; Trinity, Charles E. Moore; Turner, Parks McCorkle; Wadesboro, David C. Parker; Walkersville, Mitchell Tyson; Waxhaw, W. N. Davis, Jr.; Westminster, W. Frank Robinson; Westover Hills, Charles W. Hickman, Sr.; Williams Memorial, J. C. Pope.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Badin, Pageland, Salem, Ramah, Locust.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Beulah, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, Indian Hill, Lee Park, Marshville, New Salem, Rehoboth, Smallwood, Unionville.

A quorum was declared present.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery.

Ruling Elders attending Presbytery meeting for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

Certified Directors of Christian Education were welcomed.

The Moderator-in-nomination, Leonard H. Bullock, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Roy W. Coker was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

The docket was presented by Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee. The docket was amended and adopted:

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Rodney C. Shoemaker.
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren.
3. Election of Moderator—Leonard H. Bullock, Moderator-Nominee.
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings) Warner L. Hall.
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—G. Carswell Hughs.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees.
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Attendance.
    3. Tellers.
    4. Resolutions.
7. Communications and New Business.
   James McChesney, Communicator for General Executive Board. (Referral to Proper Committees)—(All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess).
8. Nomination of Moderator Nominee (last order before morning recess).
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Charles C. Cowsert.
10. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr.
    (Report of Budget and Finance Committee—T. W. Tucker).
    RECESS FOR LUNCH 12:00-1:00 P.M.
11. Open Meeting of Presbytery on Problems Before the Church (Special Order 1:00-2:30 P.M.—See Presbytery's Minutes February 27, 1973).
12. Report of the Division of Court Operations.
    1. Personnel Committee—T. W. MacLean.
    2. Court Meetings—Warner L. Hall.
    3. Interpretation—Charles E. S. Kraemer.
    4. Worship—James A. Cannon.
    5. Inter-Church Action—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.
    6. Evaluation and Review—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh.
13. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
14. Presbyterian Family Life Center (Special Order 3:00 P.M.) R. H. Ramey, Jr.
    RECESS: 3:30-3:45 P.M.
15. World Missions (Special Order 3:45) A. T. Trimble, Jr.
16. Commissions to be Appointed.
17. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
18. Reading and Adoption of Minutes.
19. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction.

Presbytery accepted with gratitude the invitation of the Mulberry Church to meet with them February 26, 1974.

The host pastor, G. Carswell Hughs, welcomed the Court and made announcements concerning arrangements.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES
BILLS AND OVERTURES

Robert Turner, Chairman
Eldon D. Wadsworth
William C. Rhodes, Jr.
Frank Robinson (Westminster)
W. A. Hood (Matthews)
A. Grant Whitney (Myers Park)

ATTENDANCE

A. J. Morrison, Chairman
Robert S. Maclin, III
Glenn L. Hill
Ed Hyder (Johnston Memorial)
Sam Hall (Forest Hill)
Bill McFall (Selwyn Ave.)

TELLERS

Edward B. Cooper, Chairman
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
Robert E. Burnett (Williams Memorial)
Tom Nicholson (St. Giles)
Price Robinson (Albemarle Rd.)
Earle White (Cook's Memorial)

RESOLUTIONS

Robert S. Hough, Chairman
James N. Biggers
Sam Peery (Thomasboro)

The Stated Clerk read the following communications:

1. Requests to be excused from attending this meeting of the Court were referred to the Standing Committee on Attendance.

2. Letter of Dismissal as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry from Lake Huron Presbytery, UPUSA Church, for Rodney C. Shoemaker was received. A letter of Dismissal for Minister Fred R. Horner from Louisville Union Presbytery was received.

3. A Memorial from twenty-six (26) members of the Locust Presbyterian Church was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

4. A communication from Fred C. Holder, Chairman of Christian Education Committee, was referred to the Personnel Committee.

5. The Minutes of Commissions to Ordain and/or Install

Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR KERMIT BRAXTON GARRISS AS AN EVANGELIST ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on September 26, 1973 at 7:00 p.m., in the Orr Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Commission Members Present Were: Ministers: G. Carswell Hughs (Chairman); Robert J. James; W. Rush Otey; J. David Fletcher; Leonard W. Topping.

Ruling Elders: Edgar G. Kornegay; Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay; John H. Williams.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. Leonard W. Topping was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the ordination and installation service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing. W. Rush Otey read the Scripture Lessons, Isaiah 61 and John 1:1-18, and preached the sermon on the subject "Incarnation".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the ordination and installation ordinance.

J. David Fletcher led the congregation in the Litany of Ordination. Robert J. James propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate; these were answered in the affirmative. He then propounded the constitutional questions to the Congregation; these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer by Leonard W. Topping and the laying on of hands of the commission. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. Leonard W. Topping then declared that Kermit Braxton Garriss had been regularly, elected, ordained, and installed as Evangelistic Missionary to Brazil.

The Charge to the Minister was delivered by Edgar G. Kornegay.

The Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay.

The congregation was led in prayer by John H. Williams.

Following the singing of a hymn, the new Minister pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by G. Carswell Hughs.

Leonard W. Topping
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR WILLIAM G. KATIBAH, JR., PASTOR OF THE FOREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1973, AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on September 30, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Robert H. Teed, J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr. RULING ELDERS: Duncan S. MacRae, Jr., Burns W. Stuart, Robert F. Stokes, Charles A. Hunter. William G. Katibah Sr., Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Florida, was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr. Robert F. Stokes was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Burns W. Stuart read the Scripture and Duncan S. MacRae, Jr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert H. Teed on the topic: "In This We Rejoice".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions to the Forest Hill Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that William G. Katibah, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Forest Hill Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Robert F. Stokes.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert J. James.

Robert F. Stokes
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR FINLEY M. GRISSETT, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE McQUAY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on September 30, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, J. Cecil Lawrence, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh and Hugh McClure, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Robert Prather, Marshall Dellinger and Randolph Norton.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by David E. Wilkinson. Randolph Norton was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Marshall Dellinger read the Scripture and Robert Prather had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Hugh McClure on the topic/text: "The Minister and His Ministry"—Romans 7:15-25.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the McQuay Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Finley M. Grissett, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the McQuay Memorial Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Randolph Norton.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Wayne R. Aughinbaugh.

J. Cecil Lawrence delivered the dedicatory prayer.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Wayne R. Aughinbaugh.

Randolph Norton
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR STEVEN E. BARRETT AS PASTOR OF THE MORVEN AND CAMDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Commission met on October 7, 1973 at 6:30 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Chairman; James W. Eller, French B. O'Shields, Jr. R. W. Cousar was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Charles Moore, Benjamin Robinson, Herbert Hildreth. Robert E. Barrett was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by C. L. Cheshire, Jr. Herbert Hildreth was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. James W. Eller read the Scripture and C. L. Cheshire, Jr. had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by James W. Eller.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Camden-Morven Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Steven E. Barrett had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Pastor of the Camden-Morven Presbyterian Churches.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by French B. O'Shields, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by R. Wilbur Cousar.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Charles Moore.

Herbert Hildreth
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JEFFERSON K. AIKEN, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on October 7, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman, Charles C. Cowsert, Marcus B. Prince, Jr. James G. Stuart and Jefferson K. Aiken, Sr. were invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: James R. Henderson, Forney E. Michael, Brooks Tippett.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Marcus B.

Prince, Jr Charles C. Cowsert was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Charles C. Cowsert read the Scripture and Marcus B. Prince, Jr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by James G. Stuart on the topic/text: "You Are The Church"—John 15:12-21.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Paw Creek Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The new minister's father, Reverend Jefferson K. Aiken, Sr., led the installation prayer. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by James R. Henderson.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Forney E. Michael.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor prounounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert J. James.

Charles C. Cowsert
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR JAMES P. KNIGHT AS ASSISTANT MINISTER OF THE THOMASBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on October 7, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: Leonard H. Bullock, Chairman; R. Thomas Cheely, John A. Luddy, Jr. Donald W. Smith was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Evan Holyfield, Garmon McCall, Jack Zimmerman.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by R. Thomas Cheely. John A. Luddy, Jr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Garmon McCall read the Scripture and Jack Zimmerman had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by Donald W. Smith on the topic/text: "Prophet, Priest, And King"—II Corinthians 4:1-14.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Thomasboro Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that James P. Knight had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by R. Thomas Cheely.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by John A. Luddy, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Assistant Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Evan Holyfield.

John A. Luddy, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR EMANUEL E. WASHINGTON AS PASTOR OF THE SMALLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on October 14, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman; James E. Fogartie, M. A. Cochrane, Jr. RULING ELDERS: Wymon Griffin, Mrs. Ray L. Gardner, Randolph Norton.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. Randolph Norton was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Mrs. Gardner read the Scripture and Wymon Griffin had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by James E. Fogartie from the text: Luke 5:13.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Smallwood Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Emanuel E. Washington had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Smallwood Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by M. A. Cochrane, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Randolph Norton.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by M. A. Cochrane, Jr.

Randolph Norton
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ZACHARY TAYLOR PIEPHOFF, JR. AS PASTOR OF PLAZA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1973 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on October 14, 1973 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: Robert O. Freeman, Chairman; W. D. Kuenzli, Robert J. James. RULING ELDERS: B. D. Rodgers, Adrian Aman, Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman, T. A. Biggers.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert O. Freeman. Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Robert J. James read the Scripture and also had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on "Practical Christianity."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Plaza Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Reverend Zachary Taylor Piephoff, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Plaza Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by W. D. Kuenzli.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by T. A. Biggers.

Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR EARLE D. ROBERTS AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973 AT 6:15 P.M.

The Commission met on October 17, 1973 at 5:45 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman; Warner L. Hall, G. Carswell Hughs. RULING ELDERS: Ernest B. Hunter, Jr., A. T. Trimble, Jr., J. W. Rosebro.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Douglas W. Oldenburg, J. W. Rosebro was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. A. T. Trimble, Jr. read the Scripture and J. W. Rosebro had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by G. Carswell Hughs on the topic, "Can We Be Christians Without Being Churchmen".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Covenant Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Earle D. Roberts had been regularly elected, and installed as Assistant Pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Assistant Pastor was delivered by Ernest B. Hunter, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Warner L. Hall.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Earle D. Roberts.

John W. Rosebro
Secretary

Zane M. Moore requested that since he has been personally associated with the Locust Presbyterian Church for many years that he be relieved as Chairman of the Bills and Overtures Committee, and that Robert Turner be appointed as the chairman. The request was granted and Mr. Turner was appointed Chairman of the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman of the Council, moved that the following persons be authorized as signers for checks for Mecklenburg Presbytery accounts effective January 1, 1974: Beatrice Kiser, Robert J. James and G. Douglas Aitken; and that any two be authorized to co-sign checks. The motion was adopted.

James McChesney, Communicator for the General Executive Board of the General Assembly, was presented and addressed the Court.

Charles C. Cowsert reported for the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. He called on Joe P. Arnold, Chairman of the sub-committee on Transfer of Ministers. Fred R. Horner, Minister of Education-elect of the Covenant Church, was presented to Presbytery. The Committee reported that they had examined Mr. Horner and that they recommended that Presbytery proceed with the examination for reception of Mr. Horner. He made a statement of his Christian experience and his views on Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. The floor was opened for questions. The examination was sustained in parts and as a whole. Mr. Horner was then enrolled in Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers. The following Commission was appointed to install Fred R. Horner:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL FRED R. HORNER AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert Turner, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Frank H. Caldwell, To preach the Sermon.

Douglas W. Oldenburg, To deliver the charge to the Associate Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Mike Myers (Covenant).

Harry Pickett (Covenant).

Leonard W. Topping was elected Moderator-in-Nomination by acclamation.

Presbytery took a fifteen minute recess.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and the Court continued with the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee.

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman of the sub-committee on Ordination, presented to Presbytery Candidate Rodney C. Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker is a graduate of Alma College, Alma, Michigan and Princeton Theological Seminary. The committee reported that his exegesis and theological exposition were satisfactory. The Presbytery sustained his sermon as satisfactory. Mr. Shoemaker gave a personal statement of his Christnan experience and motives for seeking the ministry. This was sustained as satisfactory.

John E. Smylie examined the Candidate on Theology.

Charles C. Cowsert examined the Candidate on the **Book of Church Order** and the Sacraments.

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. examined the Candidate on his knowledge of the Bible. The examination was sustained in each part and as a whole, and motion was adopted that a Commission be appointed to ordain and install Rodney C. Shoemaker as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL RODNEY C. SHOEMAKER AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

H. Louis Patrick, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

J. Louis Crandall, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Douglas W. Oldenburg, To deliver the Charge to the Assistant Pastor.

Richard C. Brand, Jr.

RULING ELDERS:

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D., (Trinity), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Richard Felkner, M.D. (Trinity).

Harold R. Cole (Trinity)

J. B. Kirkland, Jr., Chairman of the sub-committee on Candidates, reported for the Committee. Stephen H. Marion, at his own request, was dropped from the Roll of Candidates for the Ministry. The report of the committee was received as information, and the following recommendation referred back to the Committee on Candidates for re-study and re-writing to be presented at the February Meeting of Presbytery: "That Mecklenburg Presbytery give the Candidates' Committee the authority to make available the evaluation of a prospective candidate's spouse as part of the overall evaluation procedure for prospective candidates."

A plaque expressing the appreciation of Presbytery for seventeen (17) years of service to the Presbytery as bookkeeper and secretary was presented to Mrs. Clyde J. Walsh.

A plaque expressing the appreciation of Presbytery for six

(6) years of service as Treasurer of Presbytery was presented to Calvin B. Baird.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Special Order immediately following lunch was an **Open Meeting on Problems Before the Church** (see Presbytery's Minutes, February 27, 1973). The Council had invited two members of the General Assembly's Committee on Causes of Unhappiness and Division: The Reverend John D. MacLeod and The Reverend Harry S. Hassall, who spoke to the Court. Following their addresses, the floor was opened for the expression of opinions and asking questions. Warner L. Hall, a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery and Chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Causes of Unhappiness and Division, gave a closing statement.

By common consent, it was agreed that the remarks of French B. O'Shields, Jr. would be reproduced and distributed to the Churches of Presbytery.

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman of the Council, presented the report for Council. T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the sub-committee on Budget and Finance, presented the Business Fund Budget and the Benevolence Budget which were adopted:

BUSINESS FUND BUDGET
1974

I. Anticipated income		
A. From churches ($2.68 per capita from 35,282 Presbyterians)	$ 94,556.00	
B. Yield from S. B. Alexander Fund	7,000.00	
C. Carry forward from '73 Business Fund	2,340.59	
		$103,896.59
II. Anticipated Disbursements	1973	1974
A. Office of General Presbyter & Stated Clerk		
1. General Presbyter—Stated Clerk		
Salary	$ 12,000.00	$ 11,000.00
Housing	3,600.00	3,900.00
Utilities Allowance		800.00
Furnishings		500.00
Automobile Expense	2,400.00	2,800.00
M.A.F.	1,560.00	2,280.00
Hospitalization	407.00	446.45
Disability Insurance		125.00
Study Allowance		200.00
Dr. Lawrence: Salary, House, Utility Travel, Etc.	5,813.00	
2. Secretarial Help	6,804.00	7,200.00
Social Security	328.00	421.20
Hospitalization	125.00	175.00
Annuity		720.00
Substitute Secretary	1,200.00	
Treasurer Bookkeeper		7,200.00
Social Security		421.20
Hospitalization		175.00
Annuity		720.00

3. Discretionary Fund	1,000.00	1,200.00
4. Postage, Materials	2,000.00	2,320.00
5. Phone	600.00	1,000.00
Total Expenses	$ 37,837.00	$ 43,603.85
B. General Presbytery Expenses		
General Assembly Assessment	$ 36,919.32	$ 35,987.64
Synod Assessment	19,492.65	19,405.10
Expenses of Hosting Presbytery	800.00	1,000.00
Printing and Mailing of Minutes	3,000.00	3,000.00
Parking, Staff Committees	600.00	600.00
Assistant Clerk		300.00
Total Expenses	$ 60,811.97	$ 60,292.74
C. Office of Central Treasurer		
1. Baird—Salary	1,680.00	
Social Security	87.36	
2. Walsh—Salary	3,300.00	
Social Security	171.60	
Hospitalization	125.09	
3. Rent	1,122.00	
4. Phone	270.00	
5. Postage, Supplies	320.00	
Total Expenses	$ 7,076.05	
GRAND TOTAL	$105,725.02	$103,896.59

BENEVOLENCE BUDGET
1974

A. Anticipated Income:			
(a) From Churches			$870,000
(b) From Interest on Restricted Funds			
(1) Charles H. Boyd Estate (Sustentation)	$ 2,900		
(2) Camp Stewart Fund (Camping & Retreats)	5,000		
(3) Samuel P. Alexander Fund (Ministerial Education)	400		8,300
			$878,300
B. Anticipated Disbursements:			
(a) General Assembly (100% Askings)		(44.27%)	$388,749
(b) Synod (100% Askings)		(33.54%)	294,600
(c) Presbytery (See Below)		(22.19%)	194,951
		(100.00%)	$878,300
C. Proposed Presbytery Spending Budget:			
I. Commission on Minister & Work			$ 4,000
(1) Operating Expense	$ 1,000		
(2) Discretionary Fund	3,000		
II. Council			$ 42,164
(1) Operating Expense	$ 500		
(2) Contingency Fund	30,914		
(3) Insurance	2,500		
(4) Taxes and Maintenance	2,500		
(5) Stewardship Promotion	500		
(6) Mecklenburg Presbyterian	5,000		
(7) Travel—Special Commissions	250		
III. Court Meetings			$ 265
(1) Taping Presbytery Meetings	$ 140		
(2) Supplies (tapes, etc.)	50		
(3) Upkeep of Equipment	75		

IV. Deployment and Sustentation			$ 70,700*
(1) Operating Expense		$ 200	
(2) Sustentation to Churches		48,500	
(3) Extension Work:		22,000	
Pleasant Hill	$17,000		
Turner	3,500		
Siler	500		
Contingency Fund	1,000		

Note (*) Offsetting a portion of this expenditure—
See Item (b)—(1)—Restricted Income ($2900)

V. Institutional Ministries			$ 19,182
(1) Hospital Chaplain		$ 5,824	
Salary	$ 3,190		
Hosp. Ins.	432		
M. A. F.	1,887		
Vacation Sub.	200		
Disability Ins.	115		
(2) Hospital Secretary (50%)		$ 2,939	
Salary	$ 2,697		
F. I. C. A.	142		
Vacation Sub.	100		
(3) Hospital Visitors		$ 3,969	
(4) Campus Christian Life Worker (50%)		$ 3,750	
(5) Prison Ministries		$ 1,275	
Base	$ 1,200		
Bibles for Jail	75		
(6) Supplies and Materials		$ 1,425	
Students Christian Fellowship	$ 300		
Calling Cards	100		
Dues—Chaplain	25		
Postage	250		
Telephone	250		
Conference—Chaplain	200		
Clinic Expenses	150		
Books—Library	150		
VI. Christian Education			$ 23,770*
(1) Operating Expense		$ 300	
(2) Presbytery Education Director		8,850	
Salary	$ 8,200		
Cont. Education	300		
Office Expense	350		
(3) Staff Benefits		$ 1,000	
(4) Children's Work		600	
(5) Youth Work		1,000	
(6) Adult Work		1,100	
(7) Career and Personal Counseling		200	
(8) Leadership Education		5,200	
(9) Camping and Retreats		5,520	

Note (*) Offsetting a portion ($5,000) of these
expenses see interest on restricted funds.

VII. Pre-Ordination and Examinations			$ 8,250*
(1) Operating Expense		$ 250	
(2) Testing—Guidance Center		500	
(3) Grants-in-aid		7,500	

Note (*) Offsetting a portion ($400) of these expenses—see interest on restricted funds.

VIII. Pre-Ordination and In Service Training			$ 450
(1) Training Retreat for Ruling Elders		450	
IX. Specialized Ministry			$ 18,800
(1) Evangelism		$ 1,000	
(2) Day Care Centers:		12,000	
Monroe (2)	$ 2,000		
S. Tryon	3,000		
Double Oaks	5,000		
Smallwood	2,000		
(3) Alexander Children's Center		1,500	
(4) School of Arts First Church—Char.		1,500	
(5) Training Experiences—Scholarships		750	
(6) Committee Expenses		50	
(7) Hot Lunch Program—Seigle Ave.		2,000	
X. Strategy and Research			$ 5,000
1) Committee Expense		$ 200	
(2) Church Consultants Study (Earhart)	$ 5,070		
Less 1973 Budget	1,270	3,800	
(3) Local Assistance in Study		1,000	
(4) Follow-up of Study		500	
		5,500	
(5) Consultations, Workshops, Training		500	
		6,000	
Less: 1973 G.E.B. grant		1,000	
		5,000	
XI. World Missions			$ 1,370
(1) Operating Expense		$ 50	
(2) Montreat Conf. & Audio Visuals		120	
(3) Young Adult Retreat		200	
(4) Challenge Funds:			
Young People to Montreat	$ 500		
Overseas travel—Ministers	500	1,000	
XII. Task Force on Hunger			$ 1,000
Total Presbytery General Mission Spending Budget			$194,951

Council's report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Presbytery approve the Benevolent and Business Fund Budget as presented, setting the Presbytery Business Fund per capita at $2.68.
2. That Presbytery accept with appreciation the invitation from the Presbyterian Family Life Center to name two people to its Board of Trustees and requests the Personnel Committee to present nominations at this meeting of Presbytery.
3. That Presbytery hear a brief statement concerning the progress of the demographic study authorized by the September Meeting.
4. That Presbytery express to Mrs. Clyde J. Walsh and to Mr. Calvin B. Baird our profound appreciation for their faithful, sacrificial, and effective service to Presbytery and that Mrs. Walsh and Mr. Baird be recognized at this meeting.

Time for the Special Order on Presbyterian Family Life Center had arrived. Robert H. Ramey, Jr. spoke briefly on what the Presbyterian Family Life Center is and introduced Nat Reiney and John MacKinnon of Barium Springs Home for Children, who spoke on the work of the Center.

Presbytery took recess.

Presbytery reconvened and the Special Order on World Missions was heard. A. T. Trimble, Jr., Chairman of World Missions, presented to the Court Reverend William Junkin, Missionary to Taiwan, who addressed the Presbytery.

The report of the Court Meetings Committee was presented by Warner L. Hall. The proposed changes in the meetings of Presbytery were docketed for consideration at the next Stated Meeting.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by T. W. MacLean, acting Chairman. The report was adopted and the nominees were elected as follows:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

TRUSTEES

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1976—Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park)—to replace Graeme M. Keith (Myers Park) Class of 1976 moved from Presbytery

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

1976—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)—to replace Herbert H. Browne, Jr., (Charlotte First) Class of 1973.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.—(filling unexpired term)—to be reelected.

1976—Charles L. Kirby—(filling unexpired term)—to be reelected.

1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)—to replace Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) Class of 1973.

1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)—(filling unexpired term)—to be reelected.

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

Charles C. Cowsert to continue as Chairman

1976—Joe P. Arnold—to replace Zane M. Moore, Class of 1973

1976—Charles C. Cowsert—(filling unexpired term)—to be reelected.

1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)—to replace Harry D. Watson (Amity) Class of 1973.

1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)—to replace John E. Boyd (Sardis), Class of 1973.

1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)—to replace Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant) Class of 1973.

2. Commission on the Minister and His Work

1976—Zane M. Moore—to replace Eugene P. Poe, Class of 1973.

1976—Henry S. Robinson—(filling unexpired term)—to be reelected.

1976—G. Richard Pierce (Monroe First)—to replace Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek) Class of 1973.

1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)—to replace Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue) Class of 1973.

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee

A. Julius W. Melton Jr., to be Chairman

1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)—to replace Horace E. Stoessel, Class of 1973.

1976—William L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)—to replace M. E. Alexander (Christ) Class of 1973.

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Lewis W. Bledsoe to be Chairman

1976—Raeford Rodney Love—to replace Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Class of 1973.

1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)—to replace Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale) Class of 1973.

2. Christian Education

1976—Zack T. Piephoff, Jr.—to replace David S. Templeton, Class of 1973. Moved from Presbytery.

1976—William M. Edwards, II—to replace W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Class of 1973.

1976—Robert Lee Nichols, Jr.—to replace James W. Eller, Class of 1973.

1976—R. Zach Thomas, III—to replace Joe P. Arnold, Class of 1970.

1976—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)—(filling unexpired term) to be reelected.

1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)—to replace Mrs. Edgar G. Kornegay (Charlotte First) Class of 1973.

1976—Mrs. William S. Pierce (Providence)—to replace William L. Anderson (Sardis) Class of 1973.

1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)—to replace Miss Peggy Barnes (Covenant) Class of 1973.

1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)—to replace Samuel T. Cornwell (Westminster) Class of 1973.

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr. (filling unexpired term) to be reelected.

1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)—to replace Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant) Class of 1973.

2. Strategy and Research

1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.—(filling unexpired term) to be reelected.

1976—Roy W. Coker—to replace James E. Fogartie, Class of 1973.

1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)—to replace Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson) Class of 1973.

1976—William T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)—to replace James B. Kuykendall (Covenant) Class of 1973.

3. Deployment and Sustentation
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. to be Chairman

1976—Lawrence I. Stell—to replace Roy W. Coker, Class of 1973.

1976—F. A. Mathes—to replace Robert S. Maclin, III, Class of 1973.

1976—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)—to replace William T. Alexander (Mallard Creek) Class of 1973.

1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)—to replace W. Harvey Morrison, Jr. (Monroe First) Class of 1973.

1975—Fred O. Brown (Philadelphia)—to replace Leroy Morrison (Westminster) Class of 1975, resigned.

4. Specialized Ministry
Friedrich Schilling, Jr. to be Chairman

1976—William B. Ward—to replace Leonard W. Topping, Class of 1973.

1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.—to replace Robert W. Rayburn, Class of 1973.

1976—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)—(filling unexpired term) to be reelected.

5. World Missions
Eldon D. Wadsworth to be Chairman

1976—Earle D. Roberts—to replace F. A. Mathes, Class of 1973.

1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)—to replace A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Charlotte First) Class of 1973.

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee
George O. Stovall to be Chairman

MINISTERS

1976—Roy W. Coker.

1976—James Eller

LAY MEMBERS

1976—J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial).

1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence).

2. Court Meetings

1976—Eugene P. Poe—to replace William D. Morton, Class of 1973.

1976—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)—to replace Jack C. Cathey (Third) Class of 1973.

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

1976—James E. Fogartie—to replace H. Louis Patrick, Class of 1973.

1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)—to replace J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road) Class of 1973.

2. Worship

1976—James David Fletcher—to replace Richard C. Brand, Jr., Class of 1973.

1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)—to replace Mrs. Olson Huff (Forest Hill) Class of 1973.

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representative on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1976—G. Carswell Hughs—to replace John A. Tate, Sr. (Davidson College) elected February 1972.

TASK FORCE ON WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Miss Laura I. Buzard, Chairman
Reverend Fred C. Holder, Co-Chairman
Reverend J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.
Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
Reverend G. Carswell Hughs
Miss Mary Gray (Davidson College)
Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue)
Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First)
Mrs. JoAnne Parker (Covenant)
Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
Reverend Friedrich Schilling, Jr.
Miss Ann Holder (Amity)
Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster)
Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on the Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Reverend Robert J. James
Reverend J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.

The following were nominated from the floor and elected to the Personnel Committee: Ministers—Class of 1976: Roy W. Coker and James W. Eller; Lay Members—Class of 1976: J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial) and Joe R. Hudson (Providence.)

George O. Stovall (Albemarle First) was elected Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

The Evaluation and Review Committee's report was presented by Wayne R. Aughinbaugh. The report was adopted as amended.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a list of churches which did not send in their 1972 Sessional records.

Altan-Bethany
Banks
Bethel-Cornelius
Beulah-Lee Park
Caldwell Memorial
Camden-Morven
Carmel
Hawley Memorial
Hickory Grove
Marshville-New Salem
McGee
Quail Hollow
Rehoboth
Ridgecrest
Seigle Ave.

Recommendations

1. That Ministers, Clerks and Sessions note the latest list of Guidelines which Mecklenburg Presbytery is requesting to be included in Sessional Records. (Copies are available and should be posted on the inside of the back Cover of Minutes)
2. Remember that Minutes are due in January for 1973 and only a duplicate is mailed to Presbytery's Office which need not be returned.
3. Note a few of the most omitted items in Sessional records.
    a. Statement of Mission of Particular Church approved by Session.
    b. Specific goals for current year on page 2.
    c. Deacons' records examined every 6 months.
    d. Annual statistical report included and presented to congregation.
    e. Digest of important Diaconate actions, i.e. stewardship, service, etc.
    f. Session evaluations of past year's work, strength and needs . . .
4. That Churches contact this Committee if we can be of any service to you.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was made by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. The report was adopted.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery on September 25, 1973, the Commission on the Minister and His Work has met on October 25, 1973 and November 15, 1973.

In addition to the two meetings, the work of the Commission has been carried on by the Chairman, General Presbyter, Committee Chairmen, and teams from the Commission on an almost daily basis.

From the October 25, 1973 meeting:

1. The terms of the call of the Trinity Church to Mr. Rodney Corwin Shoemaker as Assistant Minister were found in order. We recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to a satisfactory examination by Presbytery.

Terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$7,800.00
M.A.F. 10%	
Manse and Utility Allowances	1,800.00
Automobile Allowance	1,000.00
Hospital Insurance coverage in Trinity Church Group Policy	
Vacation-four weeks	

From the October 25, 1973 meeting:

1. The Commission joins with the Board of Presbyterian Family Life Center in requesting Presbytery that the Rev. Robert L. Ramey, Jr. be granted permission to speak at its November meeting concerning the Presbyterian Family Life Center.
2. Received a satisfactory report from Chaplain David C. Hambrick, Jr. who is in the Armed Services.
3. Approved Rev. Robert C. Benson as Stated Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Beulah Church for the year 1974.
4. The Rev. Glenn B. Robinson was approved as Interim Supply for Marshville Church for the month of November.
5. Approved Rev. W. M. Boyce as Interim Supply and Moderator of Session for the Carmel Church for the month of December 1973.
6. Approved the Rev. A. Leslie Thompson as Stated Supply and Moderator of the Session for Clanton Memorial Church for the year of 1974.

7. Approved the Rev. J. Wendell Ligon for a possible call to the Carmel Church.

8. The Rev. John M. Handley was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for another year.

9. The Rev. Daniel L. Durway was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for another year.

10. The terms of the call of the Covenant Church to the Rev. Frederick R. Horner as Associate Minister of Christian Education were found in order and we recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to a satisfactory examination by Presbytery.

    Terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$11,000.00
Manse Allowance	4,100.00
Book and Study Fund	500.00
M.A.F. 10%	
Use of Auto	
Hospital Insurance	
Disability Insurance	
One month vacation	
Two weeks study leave	
Moving Expense	

From the November 15, 1973 meeting:

1. Dr. Lawrence I. Stell was approved as Stated Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Carmel Church for November 1973.
2. Dr. Lawrence I. Stell was approved as Stated Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Sharon Church for six months, beginning December 1, 1973 or until a new minister is obtained.
3. We would announce with pleasure that the Carmel Church has extended a call to the Rev. J. Wendell Ligon to become their pastor. Mr. Ligon has indicated his intention of accepting.
4. The Rev. Warren George Nance was approved for a possible call to the Matthews Church.
5. The pastoral relationship between the Rev. Thomas J. Nash III and the Walkersville Church was dissolved, at his request, with the concurrence of the congregation, as of November 30, 1973.
6. We would remind all churches of the minimum standard of remuneration for 1974 adopted by Presbytery on May 22, 1973. (See page 25, Vol. 3, No. 2. Refer also to the recent letter from our General Presbyter on this subject.)

6A. Dr. Q. N. Hunnicutt was approved as Stated Supply at Indian Hill Church for the year 1974.

7. We recommend that whereas ministers, as self-employed persons, have to pay full Social Security and this amounts to several hundred dollars each year, churches be encouraged to consider paying their ministers an amount equal to the Social Security payment, along with their present salaries, this being 8% of the salary at the present time.
8. We recommend that the two following motions (based mainly on recommendations of the General Assembly, p. 152, Minutes of the G.A.) be adopted:

   A—That Presbytery regularly invite and seat, with privilege of the floor, all non-ordained Christian Educators within its bounds who are employed on at least a half-time basis by a church or an agency of Presbytery.

   B—That Presbytery encourage its Commission on the Minister and His Work to exercise pastoral and vocational concern for all non-ordained Christian Educators, working within its bounds on at least a half-time basis, for the purposes of assuring their adequate support and of increasing their effectiveness.

9. The pastoral relationship between the Rev. Henry S. Robinson and the Memorial Church was dissolved, at his request, with the concurrence of the congregation as of January 1, 1974.
10. We recommend that at his request the Rev. Henry S. Robinson be designated as "Honorably Retired" as of January 1, 1974.
11. We recommend that at his request the Rev. Robert Turner be designated as "Honorably Retired" as of January 1, 1974.

In recognition of their many years of faithful service to the Presbyterian Church and especially to Mecklenburg Presbytery, plaques were presented to Robert Turner, Henry S. Robinson and W. B. H. Corkey upon their honorable retirement.

Robert Turner, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. The following Memorial has been referred to the Committee:

MEMORIAL TO MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

The undersigned members of the Locust Presbyterian Church respectfully submit to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following memorial:

Whereas, over an extended period of more than twelve months a state of tension and unrest has continued in this congregation, and

Whereas, representatives of the Commission on the Minister And His Work have visited the church, conferred with the pastor, session, and a considerable number of aggrieved members of the congregation, seeking "to mediate differences and reconcile brethren, to the end that the difficulties may be corrected by the Session of the church if possible, that the welfare of the particular church may be promoted, that the unity of the church in Christ her head may be made manifest," and

Whereas, the state of the congregation continues to be one of tension, unrest, and hostility which is far removed from the spirit of Christian fellowship,—Therefore, we earnestly request the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, at the earliest possible time, to appoint an Administrative Commission to visit the Locust congregation, to ascertain the causes of our unhappy state, and to take such actions as may be necessary toward remedy of the ills which we feel threaten the future of this congregation as a loyal and faithful unit of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. Your Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends to the Presbytery that the Memorial to Presbytery signed by twenty-six members of the Locust Presbyterian Church be answered in the affirmative and that an Administrative Commission, with the full authority of the Presbytery, be appointed to visit the Locust congregation, to investigate the causes complained of, and to take such actions as may be necessary which would tend to restore peace and harmony to that congregation.
2. That the following persons be named to the Administrative Commission:—

TEACHING ELDERS:

Rev. Roy Coker, Chairman
Rev. Horace Hilton
Rev. Thornton W. Tucker
Rev. Lawrence I. Stell—Alternate

RULING ELDERS

Elder Fred McCallum—Monroe First
Elder Robert Stokes—Charlotte First
Elder Thomas Ruff—Selwyn Avenue
Elder Charles Akers—Myers Park—Alternate

Robert Turner, Chairman

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by A. J. Morrison and is incorporated in the enrollment.

The Resolution Committee's report was made by Robert S. Hough, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Mecklenburg Presbytery expresses to the Ministers and Congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. sincere appreciation for the gracious hospitality extended to it during the Meeting of Presbytery on November 27, 1973. We were greeted by women of the Church who arranged for the registration of members of Presbytery and we enjoyed the refreshments provided both in the morning and afternoon sessions. The dinner was beautifully served by the women of the Church and was enjoyed by all. We admire your historic and beautiful building and rejoice in the ministry which you are providing in the downtown section of the City of Charlotte.

The Presbytery wishes to express to the Rev. Harry Hassall and the Reverend John McCloud appreciation for their excellent messages concerning the problems of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and to our Moderator, the Reverend Leonard Bullock, for a fair and effective presiding over our meeting.

Robert S. Hough, Chairman

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

Motion was made to adjourn. The Court stood and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. The Court stood adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 26, 1974, in the Mulberry Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Roy W. Coker
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
July, 1958	Central Steele Creek	Rev. Robert Turner
Sept. 1958	Camp Stewart	Rev. J. S. Garner
Jan., 1959	Sloan Church	Rev. J. E. Wayland, Jr.
April, 1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Yundt
July, 1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept., 1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan. 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Fogartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Huff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan. 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. K. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. E. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Luke Church	Rev. R. K. Hildebrand
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Boyd, Jr.
Nov. 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept. 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb. 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept. 1973	First Church, Monroe	Dr. Zane M. Mance
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

1974

Officers Of The Presbytery:

Leonard W. Topping, Moderator of February Meeting, 3418 Fielding Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Moderator of May Meeting, 101 Sugaw Creek Road West, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Robert J. James, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk. P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—Robert Turner (3), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2) Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Edd W. DeArmon, Jr., Chairman, 1015 Habersham Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

1974—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr. (Avondale) (Chm.)

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza)

1976—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers

1974—Jennings B. Reid
1975—Russell M. Kerr (Chm.)
1975—Thornton W. Tucker
1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1976—Charles L. Kirby

Elders

1974—Gene A. Cathey (Sardis)
1974—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)
1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, 1211 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1974—John E. Smylie
1974—L. W. Topping
1974—J. K. Aiken, Jr.
1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1975—Warren G. Nance
1976—Joe P. Arnold
1976—Charles C. Cowsert, (Chm.)
1976—A. J. McKelway, Jr.

Elders

1974—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1974—Alfred Canon (Myers Park)
1974—W. Frank Black, Sr. (Sharon)
1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)
1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)
1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)

2. Commission on the Minister

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, P. O. Box 6160, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1974—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. (Chm.)
1974—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
1975—Kenneth P. Craig
1976—Zane M. Moore
1976—Henry S. Robinson

Elders

1974—Frontis W. Johnston, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1974—Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr. (Covenant)
1975—W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Glenn Hunt (Cooks Memorial)
1976—G. R. Pierce (Monroe First)
1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Julius W. Melton, Jr., Chairman, Box 345, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers

1974—A. Rudolph Hendricks
1975—Robert O. Freeman
1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)

Elders

1974—James M. Painter (Paw Creek)
1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)
1976—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, Route 2, Box 350, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1974—W. M. Boyce
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe (Chm.)
1976—R. Rod Love

Lay Members

1974—Roland M. Smith (Christ)
1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)
1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1974—Laura I. Buzard
1974—Arthur S. Gatewood
1974—Glenn L. Hill
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1975—M. B. Prince, III
1976—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.
1976—William M. Edwards, II
1976—R. Lee Nichols, Jr.
1976—R. Zach Thomas, III

Lay Members

1974—Mrs. Morgan Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)
1974—Harold C. Smith (Caldwell Memorial)
1974—John M. Baughman (Covenant)
1974—Samuel G. Weir (Carmel)
1974—H. H. Blackwell (Calvary)
1975—Anthony S. Abbott, Ph.D. (Davidson College)
1975—Miss Trena Hardin (Mulberry)
1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)
1976—Miss Jeanne Black (Newell)
1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)
1976—Mrs. W. S. Pierce (Providence)
1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)
1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries
J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, P. O. Box 17654, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers
1974—J. Arthur Beard (Chm.)
1975—Thomas J. Nash, III
1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.

Lay Members
1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)
1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)

2. Research and Strategy
Randolph Norton, Chairman, 5201 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers
1974—Leonard H. Bullock
1974—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1975—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1975—Carl T. Uzzell
1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1976—Roy W. Coker

Lay Members
1974—James Laney (Siler)
1974—Randolph Norton (Sardis) (Chm.)
1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)
1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
1976—W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)

3. Deployment and Sustentation
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman, 4019 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers
1974—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
1974—James E. Ratchford
1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. (Chm.)
1975—George L. Ducker
1976—Lawrence I. Stell
1976—F. A. Mathes

Lay Members
1974—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)
1974—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1975—Carl Dumford (Caldwell Memorial)
1975—Fred O. Brown (Philadelphia)
1976—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)

4. Specialized Ministry
Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Chairman, 10140 Providence Road, Matthews, N. C. 28105

Ministers
1974—Friedrich Schilling (Chm.)
1974—Glenn B. Robinson
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1975—A. J. Morrison
1976—William B. Ward
1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.

Lay Members
1974—W. E. Moss (Hopewell)
1974—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1975—Mrs. Don Kellam (Providence)
1975—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1975—Don Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1976—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)

5. World Missions
Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman, Route 3, Box 441, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Ministers
1974—Eldon D. Wadsworth, (Chm.)
1975—G. Carswell Hughs
1976—Earle D. Roberts

Lay Members
1974—Mrs. Emmett Crook (Covenant)
1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)
1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

George O. Stovall, Chairman, 1314 North Sixth Street, Albemarle, N. C. 28001

Ministers

1974—Leonard H. Bullock
1974—Zane M. Moore
1975—Thomas W. MacLean
1975—Joe P. Arnold
1976—Roy W. Coker
1976—James W. Eller

Lay Members

1974—Sam C. Elliott (Plaza)
1974—Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Ave.)
1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1975—George O. Stovall (Chm.) (Albemarle First)
1976—J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial)
1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1211 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1974—Frank C. Wilkinson
1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)
1976—Eugene P. Poe

Lay Members

1974—John E. Butler (Amity)
1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)
1976—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Charles E. S. Kraemer, Chairman, 1205 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23227

Ministers

1974—Charles E. S. Kraemer (Chm.)
1975—Earl R. MacCormac
1976—James E. Fogartie

Lay Members

1974—Mrs. J. Cecil Lawrence (Covenant)
1975—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)
1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)

2. Worship

James A. Cannon, Chairman, P. O. Box 26193, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Ministers

1974—James A. Cannon (Chm.)
1975—Robert S. Hough
1976—J. David Fletcher

Lay Members

1974—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1975—G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Ave.)
1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1974—John D. Hicks (Covenant)
1975—Frank H. Caldwell
1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)
1976—G. Carswell Hughs

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John R. Cunningham, H.R.	
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Glenn B. Robinson	Assistant Director Alexander Children's Center
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H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
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Eugene P. Poe	Westminster
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Myers Park (Associate)
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	
Paul W. Beazley	Graduate School
Paul A. Horne	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith	Turner, Siler
Eldon D. Wadsworth	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
Charles M. Murray	Graduate School
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
Robert J. James	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Chaplain
A. Leslie Thompson	Clanton Memorial (Stated Supply)
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
James N. Biggers	Badin
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	
Carl T. Uzzell	St. John
John E. Smylie	
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
James A. Cannon	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	
John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	
H. E. Stoessel	
Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	Providence
Richard C. Brand, Jr.	Trinity (Associate)
Neil C. Leach	ACTS
Robert S. Maclin, III	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	
Roy W. Coker	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	
Raeford Rodney Love	Benton Heights
Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
F. A. Mathes	Huntersville
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah
James W. Eller	Robinson
W. C. Rhodes	Sharon (Assistant)
Joe P. Arnold	
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
Miss Laura Buzard	Dilworth Methodist Church, Associate
T. A. Little, Jr.	St. Andrews
A. J. Morrison	Third (Associate)
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
James H. Shackelford	Professor

ROLL OF MINISTERS	**Church**
Charles N. Clegg	Sugaw Creek (Associate)
Robert O. Freeman	Coordinator Charlotte Area Clergy Association
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Hunter R. Hill	Graduate School
Earl R. MacCormac	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
R. Thomas Cheely	Locust
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
Arthur S. Gatewood	Albemarle First (Associate)
William B. Ward	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	Steele Creek (Associate)
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	
Robert H. Teed	Philadelphia (Associate)
William M. Edwards, II	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	Admin. Davidson College
Robert Lee Nichols, Jr.	Avondale (Associate)
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	Davidson College (Assistant)
Earle D. Roberts	Covenant (Assistant)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	McQuay
J. K. Aiken, Jr.	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	Plaza
E. E. Washington	Smallwood
S. E. Barrett	Camden-Morven
James P. Knight	Thomasboro (Assistant)
K. Braxton Garriss	Evangelist
Fred R. Horner	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	Trinity (Assistant)
J. W. Ligon	Carmel
W. G. Nance	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon	Presbyterian Family Life Center
David Scott Lindsay	Charlotte First (Assistant)
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	Walkersville

Total Ministers **144**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

John Clyde Brown, Columbia Seminary, Third Church

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

James Craig Butler, Louisville Seminary, Amity Church

Wayne G. Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton, Myers Park Church

Shirley Ann Gilliam, Union Seminary, New York, Covenant Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Timothy Derr Mayes, U. N. C.—Charlotte, Ramah Church

David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Robert Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Margaret Barnes Peery, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, St. Andrews College, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

Daniel Drew Robinson, Louisville Seminary, Carmel Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Donald Eric Stroud, Princeton, Christ Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

Robert C. Wilson, Belhaven College, Locust Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

ROLL OF CHURCHES

All Town Addresses are North Carolina unless otherwise stated.

Churches	**Clerk Of Session**	**Treasurer**
Albemarle First	David Bell P. O. Box 565 Albemarle 28001	Dr. F. W. Canon 212 E. Park Avenue Albemarle 28001
Albemarle Road	Floyd E. Bass 7529 Marlbrook Drive Charlotte 28212	Edgar W. Owens 5900 Red Carriage Lane Charlotte 28212
Altan	Odus Doster Route 5 Monroe 28110	James E. Cox Route 5 Monroe 28110
Amay James	Melvin Murriel 2510 Sherrill Street Charlotte 28208	Henderson O. Reid 1530 Pondella Drive Charlotte 28213
Amity	J. E. Butler 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road Charlotte 28205	John C. Fries P. O. Box 264 Newell 28126
Avondale	Charles A. Spratt 1431 Montford Drive Charlotte 28209	W. L. Faucette 1112 Scalybark Road Charlotte 28209
Badin	J. W. McFadden Box 55 New London 28127	D. A. Beck Badin 28009
Banks	Roy Carter Route 3 Waxhaw 28173	Parks Stephenson Route 2, Box 264 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
Belk, W. H.	Gilmer S. Morrison 6311 Nations Ford Road Charlotte 28210	Wayne Massey 7717 Bramblewood Road Charlotte 28210
Benton Heights	Jack Linker P. O. Box 124 Waxhaw 28173	Pressley Hinson 1314 Concord Avenue Monroe 28110
Bethany	Paul Whitley Route 5 Monroe 28110	Roy Snipes Route 5 Monroe 28110
Bethel	J. Wilson Knox Route 2, Box 208 Huntersville 28078	John V. Washam, Jr. Route 2, Box 487 Huntersville 28078
Bethlehem	Buford A. Price Route 7, Box 430 Monroe 28110	Milton Harper Route 7, Box 470 Monroe 28110
Beulah	Allen Collins Route 1 Monroe 28110	Ralph Rorie Route 3 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Caldwell Memorial	A. W. Porter 458 Lyttleton Dr. Charlotte 28211	Mrs. D. M. Allen 5717 Lancelot Dr. Matthews 28105
Calvary	Bobby Overcash 179 Beverly Drive Concord 28025	W. E. Hastings Route 1, Box 219 Mooresville 28115
Camden	J. B. Baker, Jr. 1317 Shannon Drive Wadesboro 28170	Miss Ethel Hildreth Chesterfield Road Wadesboro 28170
Carmel	Sam B. Woods, Jr. 6710 Knightswood Drive Charlotte 28211	E. A. Schlirf 3101 Champaign Avenue Charlotte 28211
Central Steele Creek	William B. Young Rt. 2, Box 1134 Charlotte 28210	Charles F. Blackwelder Route 2, Box 1138-D Charlotte 28210

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harlotte First	Tom M. Mayfield, Jr. 3636 Henshaw Road Charlotte 28209	W. Richard Kelly, Jr. 2131 Sherwood Avenue Charlotte 28207
hrist	M. S. Rhyne, Jr. 2627 Ashley Rd. Charlotte 28208	W. E. Carter 6624 Pawnee Drive Charlotte 28214
lanton Memorial	Allen W. Estridge, Jr. 911 Yorkmont Road Charlotte 28210	Ben A. Bennett 227 Freeland Lane Charlotte 28210
ook's Memorial	Mrs. Carl H. Cooper Route 9 Box 172 Charlotte 28208	Robert M. Penninger 187 Gum Branch Road Charlotte 28214
ornelius	Vernon Robinette Cornelius 28031	Marvin Bradford Cornelius 28031
ovenant	Charles B. Trexler P. O. Box 1658 Charlotte 28201	Richard M. Hunter 220 Huntley Place Charlotte 28207
avidson College	L. R. King P. O. Box 27 Davidson 28036	W. A. Thompson P. O. Box 566 Davidson 28036
ast	Russell Adkins 1313 Hazelhurst Ave. Charlotte 28211	Fred Glasier 1206 Beechdale Drive Charlotte 28212
irst Union	Donald L. Haas 1721 Lisbon Lane Charlotte 28213	James G. Shaver 4708 Kenmont Drive Charlotte 28213
orest Hill	Burns W. Stuart 3836 Annlin Ave. Charlotte 28209	A. Joseph Pringle 216 Burleigh Street Charlotte 28211
awley Memorial	E. F. Billingsley P. O. Box 4 Polkton 28135	Mrs. E. F. Billingsley P. O. Box 4 Polkton 28135
ickory Grove	J. N. Porter, III 8800 Hickory Grove-Newell Rd. Charlotte 28215	Jim Smith 7583 Lisa Circle Charlotte 28215
opewell	William E. Moss Route 3, Box 470 Huntersville 28078	Jerry M. Pender Route 1, Box 153 Huntersville 28078
untersville	Charles Holbrook P. O. Box 145 Huntersville 28078	Ralph E. McAuley P. O. Box 342 Huntersville 28078
ndian Hill	J. W. Morgan Route 2 Stanfield 28163	Lewis Lambert Route 2 Stanfield 28163
ndian Trail	Keith Williams Box 13 Indian Trail 28079	Mrs. Lane Vickery Box M Indian Trail 28079
ohnston Memorial	James L. Van Buren 1362 Drexmore Ave. Charlotte 28209	Mrs. James E.Webb 905 Sweetbriar St. Charlotte 28205
ee Park	John D. Williams Route 4 Monroe 28110	Charles E. Williams Route 1 Monroe 28110

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Locust	Leonard Howell P. O. Box 406 Locust 28097	Jimmy Little Route 1, Box 72 Midland 28107
Mallard Creek	Harry S. Kirk Route 10, Box 491 Charlotte 28213	Mrs. J. Howard Wilson 10028 Mallard Creek Rd. Charlotte 28213
Marshville	C. S. Boyce Route 2 Marshville 28103	G. O. Perkins Box 301 Marshville 28103
Matthews	J. W. Russell P. O. Box 234 Matthews 28105	Don R. Cofer 341 Bubbling Well Road Matthews 28105
McGee	Ralph Beatty 207 N. Cloudman Street Charlotte 28216	J. Ross Kistler 1125 James Street Charlotte 28216
McQuay	Jack M. Threatt Route 4, Box 472-A-9 Charlotte 28208	Frank M. Felker, Jr. 3712 Rogers Street Charlotte 28208
Memorial	Van D. Crutchfield Route 14, Box 287 Charlotte 28208	James R. Price 3423 Farrhill Road Charlotte 28208
Monroe First	Mrs. Ned Sell 108 West End St. Monroe 28110	Mrs. Frank Funderburk 1301 Lucille Ave. Monroe 28110
Morven	Thomas H. Whitley P. O. Box 242 Morven 28119	Mrs. Ben S. Robinson P. O. Box 125 Morven 28119
Mulberry	L. W. Byrum 2627 Park Lane Charlotte 28214	D. S. Forbes 2839 Kendrick Drive Charlotte 28214
Myers Park	William Summerville, Jr. Box 6160 Charlotte 28207	Ross J. Smyth Box 6160 Charlotte 28207
Newell	J. F. Caldwell P. O. Box 16 Newell 28126	W. D. Poteat P. O. Box 21 Newell 28126
New Salem	Oscar L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103	C. C. Moore Route 2 Marshville 28103
Norwood	F. M. Haire P. O. Box 93 Norwood 28128	Randy Sullivan P. O. Box 712 Norwood 28128
Oakboro	Mrs. W. J. McLendon P. O. Box 428 Oakboro 28129	Mrs. W. L. Champion, Sr. Rt. 2, Box 286 Stanfield 28163
Pageland	H. H. Houston, Jr. P. O. Box 51 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. S. M. Busch 207 N. Poplar Street Pageland, S. C. 29728
Paw Creek	Howard C. Sharpe, Sr. 251 Enwood Dr. Charlotte 28214	B. Richard Baker 218 Sturbridge Dr. Charlotte 28214
Philadelphia	Ray H. Waltman Route 3 Matthews 28105	William V. Tilley 3414 Winterfield Place Charlotte 28212
Plaza	Lewis G. Reid, Sr. 4121 Greenhaven Lane Charlotte 28205	Albert D. Leopold Route 6, Box 630 Mooresville 28115

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Pleasant Hill	Sam A. Winget Route 3, Box 297 Charlotte 28210	J. S. Choate Route 1 Pineville 28134
Providence	Joe Hudson Route 3 Waxhaw 28173	R. A. Hudson, Jr. Route 3 Waxhaw 28173
Quail Hollow	David Whitley 3027 Parkstone Drive Charlotte 28210	Jim Clark 2601 Starbrook Drive Charlotte 28210
Ramah	Otis C. Gray Route 2 Huntersville 28078	J. W. Brown RFD 1, Box 487 Huntersville 28078
Rehoboth	F. A. Gordon P. O. Box 274 Waxhaw 28173	Miss Hope Sims Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Ridgecrest	Grover S. Furr Route 3 Albemarle 28001	Mrs. Nettie Almond Route 1 Stanfield 28163
Robinson	Bynum W. Faires Route 12, Box 293 Charlotte 28212	Louie F. Miller 3835 North Sharon Amity Charlotte 28205
St. Andrews	H. Morrison Irwin, Jr. 1654 Sterling Rd. Charlotte 28209	M. R. McConnell 2900 Park Road Charlotte 28209
St. Giles	Mrs. Clary Phipps 7618 Woodstream Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Isabel Baker 2027 Emerywood Dr. Charlotte 28210
St. John	F. M. Batterman 7028 Cove Creek Drive Charlotte 28215	Neil F. Crossley 2023 Martuesas Avenue Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
Salem	Lawrence Phillips Route 1 Mt. Croghan, S. C. 29727	Dennis Thomas 209 Sewell Street Pageland, S. C. 29728
Sardis	L. Hunter Pharr 522 Livingston Dr. Charlotte 28211	Calvin B. Baird, Sr. 5700 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211
Seigle Avenue	Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210
Selwyn Avenue	William L. Felts 327 Ridgewood Ave. Charlotte 28209	Gray R. Boone 2269 Windingwood Ln. Charlotte 28209
Sharon	W. H. Riddle 4809 Carmel Park Drive Charlotte 28211	William T. Stanford 3100 Sharon View Road Charlotte 28210
Siler	Patterson Keels Route 8 Monroe 28110	Jerry Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Smallwood	Wymon Griffin 112 Seldon Drive Charlotte 28216	Mrs. Delores Martin 1421 Plumstead Road Charlotte 28216
South Tryon	George H. Venable 1028 Tracy Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Veola D. Garrett 3711 Clendon Court Charlotte 28216
Steele Creek	Marcus E. Yandle 2310 Whilden Court Charlotte 28211	Harry B. Sparrow Route 4, Box 468-C Charlotte 28208

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Stephenson	D. L. Kimbrell Route 1 Indian Trail 28079	Will R. Kimbrell Route 1 Indian Trail 28079
Sugaw Creek	Miss Mabel Todd 4412 Rolling Hills Drive Charlotte 28213	Ed H. Davis, Jr. 4823 Cheviot Rd. Charlotte 28213
Third	L. Leon Hoover 417 Bubbling Well Road Matthews 28105	Henry L. Brake 1127 Brighton Place Charlotte 28205
Thomasboro	J. Bud Payne P. O. Box 8631 Charlotte 28208	B. H. Long 252 W. LaPorte Drive Charlotte 28216
Trinity	Paul B. Bell 4001 Foxcroft Road Charlotte 28211	Samuel W. McNairy 3927 Rounding Run Road Matthews 28105
Turner	Charles Biggers Route 10 Monroe 28110	George Simpson Route 10, Box 75 Monroe 28110
Unionville	E. Jack Braswell Route 7 Monroe 28110	Mrs. E. J. Braswell Route 7 Monroe 28110
Wadesboro-First	J. Herbert Hildreth 108 Rose Terrace Wadesboro 28170	W. L. Wildermuth 307 Leak Ave. Wadesboro 28170
Walkersville	Robert L. McCain Route 2 Waxhaw 28173	Gary Brady Route 2 Waxhaw 28173
Waxhaw	J. A. McLean P. O. Box 115 Waxhaw 28173	Mrs. Gertrude K. Gordon Route 1, Box 76 Waxhaw 28173
Westminster	W. A. McCorkle 245 S. Laurel Avenue Charlotte 28207	Jack Proctor 6510 Folger Drive Charlotte 28211
Westover Hills	Mrs. R. Q. Stilwell 7515 Whippoorwill Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Merle G. McLester 4218 Gladstone Lane Charlotte 28205
Williams Memorial	J. W. Zimmerman, Jr. 910 Oakdale Rd. Charlotte 28214	Earl Leatherwood Route 1, Box 136 Huntersville 28078

The Ninth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Mulberry Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 26, 1974

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Mulberry Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 26, 1974.

The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Leonard H. Bullock. Mr. Bullock conducted the Opening Worship Service. He read from Romans 5:1-11, and brought a communion message from that passage and on the theme, "The Blood of Christ."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by William A. Dysard, Jr., the host Pastor, and Finley M. Grissett, Jr., and they were assisted by Ruling Elders of the Mulberry Presbyterian Church.

A Memorial to The Reverend James Chalmers Grier was read by Thomas C. Bryan and adopted:

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND JAMES CHALMERS GRIER

The Rev. James Chalmers Grier, our honorably retired brother, and second in seniority on Presbytery's roll, died in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 14, 1974. One of our octogenerians, in his 87th year, he was born in Statesville, N. C. June 13, 1887, a son of Rev. John McDill and Columbia Davidson Grier. He was united in marriage to Miss Julia Cork, of Rock Hill, S. C., October 3, 1918, a union of 55 years. She survives him, together with two sons, John D. of Greenville, N. C., and James C., Jr., of Rock Hill, and one daughter, Julia, now Miss Julia G. Story of Atlanta. One brother, Robert D. Grier of Statesville and four grandchildren also survive. Mr. Grier was graduated from Davidson College in 1909 and Union Theological Seminary in 1912. Licensed in June 1912, he was ordained by Concord Presbytery on September 12, 1912, and served his first pastorate in the Back Creek and Thyatira Churches in Rowan County, N. C. followed by a pastorate in the Allison Creek, Beth Shiloh, and Tirzah Churches in York County, S. C. From 1918 to 1925 he was at Rutherfordton, N. C., and, from 1925-28 at the First Church, Mt. Airy, N. C. Receiving a call to the church in which we are now assembled, he became a member of this Presbytery in 1928. He was destined to serve in this, his last pastorate, for 23 years when he suffered a long illness. Ordained 62 years, our brother was honorably retired by a grateful Presbytery in 1951. He moved to Rock Hill to make his home and to spend his retirement years. His was a limited service during those years but he served his Lord as his strength would permit.

A memorial service was conducted in the chapel of Bass Funeral Home in Rock Hill on February 16th. Those conducting the service were: Rev. Joe W. B. Brooks, Rev. Joseph W. Everitt, and Rev. William A. Dysard, Jr. Interment was in Laurelwood Cemetery.

It seems particularly appropriate that we, as a Presbytery, together with members of the Mulberry Church, should be gathered together to pause in remembrance of a servant of Christ who served this church with fidelity and devotion for so many years. The people of this congregation have regarded Mr. Grier with affection down through the years as they recall his way among them. His sermons struck at life's deep roots and were Scriptural in content and clear in presentation. His years of service were fruitful in the building up of the Church and in deepening the spiritual life of the membership. He was a frequent visitor at annual homecoming services where his presence was like a benediction.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg in session in the Mulberry Church on February 26, 1974 would record its sorrow at the passing of Brother-in-Christ, James C. Grier and would extend its sympathy to—and pray God's blessing upon—each member of his family in this time of sorrow.

"Passing out of the shadow,
Into a purer light;
Stepping behind the curtain,
Getting a clearer sight; . . .
Passing out of the shadow
Into eternal day.
Why do we call it dying,
This sweet going away?"

—Thomas C. Bryan

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Steven E. Barrett, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, R. Thomas Cheely, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. Harold Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, Robert O. Freeman, Arthur S. Gatewood, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Q. N. Huneycutt, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, James P. Knight, Charles E. S. Kraemer, R. Rod Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Robert S. Maclin, Jr., F. A. Mathes, T. W. MacLean, F. R. McAlister, Sr., Neely McCarter, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Thomas Jefferson Nash, III, R. Lee Nichols, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, H. Louis Patrick, Zachary T. Piephoff, Jr., Eugene P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, W. C. Rhodes, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, H. E. Stoessel, Robert H. Teed, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wayland, Sr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. K. Aiken, Jr., F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Joe P. Arnold, F. R. McAlister, Jr., Jennings B. Reid, N. C. Leach, R. Zach Thomas, III.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: W. B. Ward, E. E. Washington, Charles N. Clegg.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, Fetzer Hartsell; Albemarle Road, E. Banks Massey; Amay James, Edward Trapp; Avondale, Guilford C. Oldham; Badin, John McFadden; Banks, Robert Perry; Bethlehem, Brent B. Haigler; Bethel, Leslie M. Kelly; Caldwell Memorial, J. V. Andrews; Calvary, H. H. Blackwell; Camden, Miss Lillian Currie; Carmel, Sam Weir; Central Steele Creek, J. Robert Neely, Sr.; Charlotte First, T. M. Mayfield, Jr.; Robert F. Stokes; Christ, B. H. Moore; Clanton Memorial, H. W. Linder; Cook's Memorial, William T. Sherrill; Cornelius, Vernon Robinette; Covenant, Dr. Charles W. Robinson, George S. Sinnicks, Carlton N. Whilden; Davidson College, Malcolm Lester; East, Mrs. Earl D. Talbert; First Union, Jack Kanipe; Forest Hill, Sam W. Hall; Hickory Grove, Mrs. W. H. Starrette; Hopewell, George W. Alexander; Huntersville, C. H. Smith; Indian Hill, J. W. Morgan; Indian Trail, Donald G. Helms; Johnston Memorial, George R. Dyer; Locust, Wilson J. Barbee; Mallard Creek, J. M. Oehler; Matthews, J. William Russell; McGee, J. Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay, C. A. Cross; Memorial, W. Ross Hendrix; Monroe First, J. Ronald Griffin; Morven, Thomas H. Whitley; Mulberry, Thomas F. Wilson; Myers Park, Alfred O. Cannon, Charles M. Marshall, Norman Pease, Jr., Beaumert Whitton; Newell, J. F. Caldwell; Norwood, R. B. Winchester; Oakboro, Mrs. W. J. McLendon; Pageland, Hugh Neisler; Paw Creek, Robert L. Killian; Philadelphia, McCamie D. Hill, Ralph Howell; Plaza, Matthew W. Crowder, F. A. Phillips; Pleasant Hill, Robert K. Capps; Providence, Irvin W. Caldwell; Quail Hollow, James R. Miller, Sr.; Ramah, Fred Washam; Robinson, Jack R. Dagenhart; St. Giles, Bryon Hudson; St. John, Robert E. Cashion; Sardis, H. H. Hendrickson, Randolph Norton, Mrs. Roy Spoon; Seigle Avenue, Miss Summers Tarlton; Selwyn Avenue, Mrs. E. G. Cochrane; Sharon, Carolyn Brotherton; Siler, William Laney; Steele Creek, A. J. Davis, Bradford Hunter; Stephenson, D. L. Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, Mrs. Faye Cardinal, C. L. Abernathy; Third, Boyce Foard, Jim Hardins; Thomasboro, Harold A. Cathey, Woodrow S. McClure; Trinity, Charles E. Moore; Turner, Parks McCorkle; Wadesboro First, J. Herbert Hildreth; Walkersville, Robert Lee McCain; Waxhaw, J. W. Collins; Westminster, W. Frank Robinson; Westover Hills, Charles Hickman; Williams Memorial, Fred W. Dotger, Jr.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Amity, Benton Heights, Salem.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, W. H. Belk, Beulah, Lee Park, Hawley Memorial, Marshville, New Salem, Rehoboth, Ridgecrest, St. Andrews, Smallwood, South Tryon, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Mrs. Melba Brawley, Mrs. Judy Fletcher, Mrs. Carlita Gemin, Mrs. Virginia H. Jones, Mrs. Mary Moser, Harold Smith, Miss Sarah K. Wilson.

A quorum was declared present.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed. Directors of Christian Education were welcomed to the meeting.

The Moderator-in-nomination, Leonard W. Topping, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

The host Pastor, William A. Dysard, Jr., extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Leonard H. Bullock
Richard Shaw
Douglas Oldenburg
Fred Holder
J. V. Andrews (Caldwell Memorial)
Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue)
D. G. Helms (Indian Trail)

RESOLUTIONS

G. Carswell Hughs
Miss Laura Buzard
Glenn L. Hill
Irvin Caldwell (Providence)
Mrs. Howard Starrette (Hickory Grove)
J. W. Collins (Waxhaw)

TELLERS

A. Jackson Morrison
George L. Ducker
Zane Moore
Carl Uzzell
Jack Dagenhardt (Robinson)
Charles Moore (Trinity)
J. R. Miller, Sr. (Quail Hollow)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard
Robert H. Teed
William G. Katibah, Jr.
J. F. Caldwell (Newell)
Robert Winchester (Norwood)
Sam Weir (Carmel)

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the docket. It was amended and adopted as follows:

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Leonard H. Bullock
2. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Administered by William A. Dysard, Jr. and Finley M. Grissett, Jr.

2A. Memorial to Reverend J. C. Grier—Thomas C. Bryan

3. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren. Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time
4. Election of Moderator—The Reverend L. W. Topping, Moderator-Nominee
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—W. A. Dysard, Jr.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures 2. Attendance 3. Tellers
7. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—Warner L. Hall

8. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees.) (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess.)

9. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last order before morning recess.)
RECESS: 10:15 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

10. Report of General Presbyter—Stated Clerk—Robert J. James
Report of Treasurer—Miss Beatrice Kiser

11. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr
LUNCH: 12:30 P.M.-1:30 P.M.

12. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Charles C. Cowsert (First Order after lunch)

13. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

14. Report of Personnel Committee—George O. Stovall

15. Locust Church Administrative Commission—Interm Report—Roy W. Coker

16. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.

17. Report of Court Meetings Committee—Warner L. Hall

18. Report of Smallwood Commission—Randolph Norton
RECESS: 3:30 P.M.—3:45 P.M.

19. Calls for Pastors and Supplies

20. Commissions to be appointed

20A. Task Force on World Hunger (10 minutes)

20B. Evangelism Southeast—Friedrich Schilling, Jr. (15 minutes)

21. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.

22. Reading and Adoption of Minutes

23. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

An invitation from the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church for the next stated meeting of Presbytery was accepted. This meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 1974.

The Communications were read by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismission of James Wendell Ligon, Minister-elect, Carmel Presbyterian Church, and Warren G. Nance, Minister-elect, Matthews Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ligon was dismissed from Norfolk Presbytery and Mr. Nance from Albemarle Presbytery.

2. A proposed overture to the General Assembly submitted to Presbytery by Zane M. Moore was placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

3. The minutes of commissions to ordain and/or install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR RODNEY C. SHOEMAKER AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1973 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on December 2, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: H. Louis Patrick, Chairman; Richard C. Brand, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, and J. Louis Crandall who was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D., Richard Felkner and Harold R. Cole.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by H. Louis Patrick. Harold R. Cole was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Harold R. Cole read the Scripture and Richard C. Brand, Jr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by J. Louis Crandall on the topic: "On The Fiction We Have Made Out Of Our Faith".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Trinity Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Rodney C. Shoemaker had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Assistant Minister/Minister to Youth of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Assistant Minister was delivered by Douglas W. Oldenburg.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Thomas N. Massey, Jr. M.D.

Following prayer and singing, the new Assistant Minister pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by J. Louis Crandall.

Harold R. Cole
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR FRED R. HORNER AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on February 10, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Frank H. Caldwell and Douglas W. Oldenburg. RULING ELDERS: Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr., Michael G. Myers and Harry M. Pickett, Jr.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Douglas W. Oldenburg. In view of the excused absence of its chairman, Robert Turner, Douglas Oldenburg served as chairman and Harry M. Pickett, Jr., served as secretary. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

William B. Ward led the worship service. The sermon was preached by Frank H. Caldwell entitled: "A Ministry of Repentence" using as his texts, Matthew 21:28-32, Luke 1f:17-19, Ephesians 4:11-13.

Michael G. Myers stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

Michael G. Myers then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The appropriate questions were then asked of the congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. Harry M. Pickett, Jr. offered the Installation Prayer. Michael G. Myers then declared that Fred R. Horner had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Minister of Education of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Minister was then delivered by Douglas W. Oldenburg.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Mrs. Ernest B. Hunter, Sr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Minister pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Frank H. Caldwell.

Harry M. Pickett, Jr.
Secretary

Horace H. Hilton, Jr. was elected Moderator-in-nomination by acclamation.

Presbytery recessed at 10:15 A.M.

Mecklenburg Presbytery reconvened and the General Presbyter made his report to Presbytery. This report was received as information, and the 1973 Statistical Summary was adopted.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Church Year—1973

Ruling Elders	1,206
Deacons	1,110
Profession of Faith	717
Other Gains	2,045
Losses	3,014
Communicants	35,030
Adult Baptisms	208
Infant Baptisms	396
Sunday School Enrollment	21,805

1.	Assembly's Causes	$ 440,750
2.	Synod's Causes	288,783
3.	Presbytery's Causes	164,154
4.	Total Budgeted Benevolences	893,787
5.	Assembly's Non-Budgeted Causes	68,362
6.	Synod's Non-Budgeted Causes	266,757
7.	Presbytery's Non-Budgeted Causes	34,129
8.	Congregational Missions	173,758
9.	Miscellaneous	213,986
10.	Total Non-Budgeted Benevolences	756,422
11.	Total to all Benevolences	1,650,779
12.	Current Expenses	3,906,527
13.	Building and Capital Expenditures	899,234
14.	Total Disbursements	6,456,540
15.	Total Income	6,120,127

Miss Beatrice Kiser, Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery, made her report for the year 1973 and this was admitted to record.

The 1973 Financial Statement, which you will find in your packet, was prepared by C. B. Baird, Treasurer and Mrs. Clyde Walsh, Financial Secretary. You will note that the report indicates disbursements for benevolences amounted to $889,482.90. This represents an average of 101.4% of the total askings of the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. The expenditures of all committees were within the budgeted amounts for the year. The balance in the account of $24,773.64 includes carry-over operating funds and committed funds.

By comparison with the 1972 benevolent giving, which was $834,126.68, we had an increase of $55,356.22 or a 6.7% increase for the year. For further comparison you will find the 1972 Financial Statement on Pages 25 and 26 of the Minutes of the 5th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, February 27, 1973, Vol. 3 No. 1.

Business Fund account indicates an expenditure of $99,739.99 an increase of $24,861.94 or 33.2% increase over the 1972 account. At the end of the fiscal year we had a balance of $12,055.36 in the Business Fund, which includes carry-over operating and committed funds.

In addition to the balance in the Benevolent and Business Fund Account other assets include:

Savings Account with the First Union National Bank in the amount of $8,594.02.During the year interest in the amount of $402.54 was received.

In trust with the Presbyterian Foundation we have a total investment of $330,085.19 which represents the proceeds from the sale of the Camp Stewart and Albemarle Road properties and two trust funds, the Samuel P. Alexander and Charles M. Boyd estate. From these funds interest in the amount of $7,978.90 was received during 1973.

SUMMARY

Total Benevolences and Business Fund expenditures for 1973	$989,222.89
Balance in bank at end of period (N.C.N.B.)	36,829.00
Savings Account: First Union National Bank	8,594.02
Investments: Presbyterian Foundation	330,085.19

AUDIT

The firm of C. Chandler Fullager and Company has been requested to audit the account for the year, 1973.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—CENTRAL TREASURER
FINANCIAL REPORT—1973

Benevolences on hand January 12, 1973	$ 15,807.15
For Restructuring Synod	3,538.30

RECEIPTS:

Benevolences	880,691.57
C. E. Regis., Refunds	2,601.52
Interest Presbyterian Foundation	7,978.90
N. C. Tax Refund	241.42
Rent—804 E. 17th Street	1,252.66
Refund Synod Assessment	249.00
First A. R. P.—Chaplain	25.00
Smallwood Expenses	1,400.00
Minister and His Work	199.02
GEB Consultation Fund	1,000.00
Total Budgeted	$ 914,984.54

Sale Albemarle Property	140,850.00
World Mission Tour	2,000.00
World Missions—Non-Budgeted	1,538.00
Grand Total	$1,059,372.54

DISBURSEMENTS

I. General Assembly	$ 433,521.86
Easter, World Hunger, PDF	18,679.72
II. Synod of North Carolina	291,552.43
Non-Budgeted	3,563.85
III. Mecklenburg Presbytery	
A. Minister and His Work	2,982.63
B. Presbytery's Council	13,944.25
C. Court Meetings	190.91
D. Deployment-Sustentation	63,680.69
E. Institutional Ministries	15,538.35
F. Interpretation Committee	.00
G. Christian Education	17,050.81
H. Pre-Ord.—Examination	7,598.37
I. Pre.-Ord.—In Service	362.63
J. Specialized Ministry	17,227.33
K. Research-Strategy	3,309.07
L. World Missions	280.00
Total Budgeted Benevolences	$ 889,482.90
Albe. Road Property to Presby. Fd'n.	140,850.00
World Mission Tour	2,000.00
Indian Hill Church—Price Est.	500.00
World Missions Non-Budgeted	1,766.00
Grand Total	$1,034,598.90
Benevolences on hand January 9, 1974	$ 24,773.64
Savings Account Union Nat'l Bank	$ 8,594.02

C. B. Baird, Treasurer
Mecklenburg Presbytery

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—BUSINESS FUND

FINANCIAL REPORT—1973

Balance on hand January 12, 1973	$ 2,661.19
RECEIPTS: From Churches	105,971.71*
Interest Alexander Fund	3,162.45
Total Receipts	$ 111,795.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Office of General Presbyter and Stated Clerk

Salaries, Taxes, Social Security	$ 27,881.09
Ministers' Annuity Fund	1,721.70
Hospitalization	608.22
Discretionary Fund	1,190.32
Postage, Supplies	1,542.44
Telephone	934.31
Total	$ 33,878.08

General Presbytery Expenses

General Assembly Assessment	$ 36,919.32
Synod Assessment	19,492.65
Housing Presbytery	800.00
Presbytery Minutes	2,364.09
Parking	233.25
Total	$ 59,809.31

Office of Central Treasurer

Salaries, Taxes, Social Security	$ 4,344.84
Hospitalization	161.77
Rent	1,122.00
Postage, Supplies	177.01
Telephone	246.98
Total	$ 6,052.60
Total Business Fund	$ 99,739.99
Balance on hand January 9, 1974	$ 12,055.36

*(Includes $12,000.00 from Presbytery's Council for Restructure G.A.)

C. B. Baird
Central Treasurer
Mecklenburg Presbytery

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, presented the report of Presbytery's Council. This report was adopted.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

1. Addition to Presbytery's Staff. Mrs. Frank S. Jones is now serving as a member of Presbytery's Staff with a responsibility in Christian Education. She has been serving on Synod's Staff with the same area of responsibility. Mrs. Jones will serve on a temporary basis while Presbytery completes its study of the need in this field.
2. The Council has appointed a committee, consisting of J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman, Robert J. James, Miss Laura Buzard, and Virginia Jones, to provide a job description for a Presbytery Staff Member in the field of Christian Education. The report of this committee will be brought to an early meeting of Presbytery.
3. Tax listing requirements have been fulfilled as follows:
   (1) Claims for exemption on the following pieces of property have been made:
      2516 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina
      6700 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, North Carolina
      2013 Patton Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina
      832 Seigle Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina
      1722 Flynnwood Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina
      Gardner Avenue, 101 South Gardner, Charlotte, North Carolina
      105 South Gardner, Charlotte, North Carolina—House
      210 South Gardner, Charlotte, North Carolina—House
      2404 West Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina—Amay James Presbyterian Church
      2542 Horne Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina—Double Oaks Nursery
   (2) The following property is acknowledged as subject to taxation:
      804 East 17th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina
      Nations Ford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina
      Weddington Road, Mecklenburg County
      UNC-C Property, Charlotte, North Carolina
4. The Council strongly requests the churches of the Presbytery to remit their business fund and benevolence gifts monthly, or at least quarterly. This will be of real help in carrying forward the work of the Presbytery.
5. Recommendations:
   1. The Presbytery authorize and empower the Trustees of Presbytery to sell the Nations Ford Road property upon the completion of the appraisal now being made. This is at the recommendation of James Earhart, of the Church Planning Consultants.

2. That the Presbytery act favorably on the report of the Counseling Task Force presented along with the Council's Report.
3. That the Presbytery hear the Reverend Robert Rea, Staff Associate of the G. E. B. for Mission Strategy, for five minutes.

Presbytery heard the Reverend Robert Rea, the Staff Associate of the G. E. B. for Mission Strategy, for a period of five minutes.

The report of Presbytery's Task Force on Counseling Center was presented by Douglas W. Oldenburg. The recommendations were adopted.

The Task Force unanimously makes the following recommendations:

A. That Mecklenburg Presbytery establish a one year "Covenant of Agreement" (beginning April 1, 1974) with 1) Alexander Children's Center (John Baughman, Director), 2) the Marriage and Family Institute (Dr. Herbert G. Zerof, Director), and 3) the Presbyterian Family Life Center (John MacKinnon, Director) to provide counseling services upon request under the following conditions:

1) Counseling and related services would be offered to any member or minister of any church holding membership in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

2) The hourly fee for such services would be negotiated by the counseling agency from the base of $1 per $1,000 annual gross family income.

3) The difference between that fee (paid by the counselee) and the normal cost for such services ($30 per hour) would be paid by Mecklenburg Presbytery.

B. That, with the explicit permission of the Task Force on Counseling, other counseling resources could be used for a limited time by members and ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery with the Presbytery underwriting an appropriate portion of the cost determined by the Task Force.

C. That, with the explicit permission of the Task Force on Counseling, individual churches and clusters of churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery, could negotiate with any of the above mentioned agencies to conduct such activities as Family Life Seminars, Marriage Enrichment Retreats, etc., with Presbytery underwritng an appropriate portion of the cost determined by the Task Force.

D. That in order to implement the preceeding motion, Mecklenburg Presbytery take the following action:

1) Set aside $7,500 from Council's Contingency Budget in a special account to be used to pay, upon receipt of appropriate billing, Presbytery's part of the cost for services rendered. It is understood that the total cost to Presbytery for such services outlined above would not exceed $7,500 during this pilot year.

2) Continue the existence of this Task Force on Counseling to a) establish the "Covenant of Agreement" mentioned above, b) publicize these services available to Presbytery, c) monitor the use being made of such services, and d) evaluate the program at the end of a year and make appropriate recommendations to Presbytery.

In consideration of the above recommendations, we would call attention to the following factors:

1) It is a pilot project for the period of one year.

2) It would allow a person in need of such services to choose among the three agencies available through this program.

3) Only under very special circumstances would the Task Force grant permission for the use of some other counseling services, and then only for a limited time.

4) Presbytery would pay only for services actually rendered.

5) In view of the limited funds available, we feel that we must restrict this to Presbyterians. Furthermore, it is understood that members of churches supporting the Presbyterian Family Life Center would not be eligible for this Presbytery program.

7) Persons with substantial means would pay the full amount ($30).

8) The Task Force on Counseling would be Presbytery's agent in setting the program up and monitoring it.

9) Counselees could contact counseling services directly or be referred to agency by minister.

10) Our options are left open at the end of one year.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. This report was adopted as a whole.

PART ONE

Since the November 27, 1973 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister and His Work has met on December 20, 1973 and January 17, 1974. This partial report is based on the above meetings and one item from the November 15, 1973 meeting. The remainder of our report growing out of the scheduled February 21, 1974 meeting will be furnished commissioners at the February 26, 1974 meeting of Presbytery.

From the November 15, 1973 Meeting:

1. The terms of the call of the Carmel Church to the Rev. James Wendell Ligon were approved. We recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to his satisfactory examination by Presbytery.

   The terms of his call are as follows:

   Salary $11,000.00
   Allowance for Federal Social Security Payments
   Allowance of $300.00 annually for continuing education
   Auto Allowance $2,400.00
   All Moving Expenses
   Four Weeks Annual Vacation
   Two week Annual Leave for continuing education and personal study
   Disability Insurance
   Major Medical Insurance
   Manse and Utilities provided
   Full M.A.F.

From the December 20, 1973 Meeting:

1. The Commission has communicated with all ministers laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery and reports that the activities all are in accord with the **Book of Church Order.**
2. The pastoral relationship between the Newell Church and the Rev. J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr. was dissolved, effective December 31, 1973. He was granted a letter of transfer to Concord Presbytery in order to accept a call to the Highland Church of Winston-Salem, N. C.
3. The pastoral relationship between the Plaza Church and the Rev. Wilbur D. Kuenzli was dissolved, effective January 1, 1974. He

was granted a letter of transfer to Wilmington Presbytery in order to accept a call to the Trinity Church of Havelock, N. C.

4. The following supplies and moderators protempore were approved:

   1. Rev. T. Duke Williams as Stated Supply and Moderator of Session of the Altan and Bethany Churches for the year 1974.

   2. Rev. John Carriker as Stated Supply and Moderator of Session of the Banks Church for the year 1974.

   3. Rev. Frank Jones as Interim Supply for the Oakboro Church for the month of January, 1974.

   4. Rev. Tom Nash as Interim Supply of the Marshville Church for the month of January, 1974.

5. We recommend that the following changes in calls be approved:

James A. Cannon	Salary $600.00 Auto $120.00 Utilities $66.00 Hospital Insurance $180.00
John A. Luddy	Salary $800.00 Book Allowance $200.00
Edward B. Cooper	Salary $600.00 Auto $200.00 Utilities $25.00
Charles L Kirby	Salary $800.00
Steve E. Barrett	Salary $600.00
Paul A. Horne	Salary $450.00 Auto $100.00 Utilities $30.00
Eldon D. Wadsworth	Salary $1,800.00 Professional Expenses $200.00
J. David Fletcher	Salary $300.00
Roy W. Coker	Salary $443.75
Robert L. Morgan	Salary $600.00 Insurance $333.00
Carl T. Uzzell	Salary $800.00
J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr.	Salary $1,000.00 Auto $300.00
R. R. Love	Salary $500.00
Horace H. Hilton	Salary $1,000.00
T. A. Little, Jr.	Salary $500.00
W. D. Morton	Salary $800.00
Richard P. Shaw	Salary $480.00 Auto $100.00 Utilities $80.00
Glenn Hill	Salary $300.00
Marcus B. Prince, III	Salary $352.00 Utilities $80.00
James N. Biggers	Salary $300.00
G. E. Dixon	Salary $300.00
Arthur S. Gatewood	Salary $240.00 Utilities $300.00
Jennings B. Reid	Salary $500.00
George Ducker	Salary $400.00 Auto $250.00
Eugene P. Poe	Social Security $800.00
J. Arthur Beard	Social Security $680.00

Kenneth P. Craig	Salary $725.00 Auto $166.00 Book Allowance $300.00
H. Louis Patrick	Salary $935.00
Richard Brand	Salary $398.40
A. M. Keith	Salary $500.00

6. We recommend that the procedure for making changes in terms of calls shall be as follows: Changes in terms of the call shall be reported in writing, not by voice on the floor of Presbytery, to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Pastoral Oversight and Minister's Health (Rev. Kenneth P. Craig); the changes so reported shall be submitted for approval at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

7. The terms of the call of the Matthews Church to the Rev. Warren G. Nance were found in order, with the request to the Matthews Church that the dollar amount on "Insurance" be deleted and that the call read "Insurance on Minister & Family". We recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to satisfactory examination and reception by Presbytery.
The terms of the call are as follows:
Salary $8,500.00
Car Allowance $1,000.00
Utilities $600.00
Insurance on Minister & Family
Moving Expenses
Full M.A.F.
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Annual Leave of four weeks

From the January 17, 1974 Meeting:

1. The pastoral relationship between the Albemarle Road Church and the Rev. Robert O. Freeman was dissolved, effective January 13, 1974 in order for him to accept a call to become Coordinator for the Charlotte Area Clergy Association. Mr. Freeman was granted permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery. He was commended for his important new assignment.
The terms of his call are as follows:
Salary: $9,400.00
Automobile Allowance: $2,000.00
Utilities: $1,600.00
Housing Allowance: $1,300.00 payable July-December (a rent-free manse to be provided January-June by the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church)
Ministers' Annuity: $1,872.00
Major Medical Insurance: $432.00
Education Allowance: $200.00 per year
1 month Vacation with pay
2 weeks study leave annually

Summary of Call:	Total Salary	$ 9,400.00	per year
	Auto Allowance	2,000.00	per year
	Benefits:	5,404.00	per year (plus 6 months rent-free manse)
	Total	$16,804.00	per year (plus 6 months rent-free manse)

2. The Rev. J. David Fletcher, presently Assistant Minister of the Amity Church, was approved for a possible call to become Associate Minister of said Church.

3. The Rev. John M. Handley was granted a letter of dismissal to Concord Presbytery to accept a call as Associate General Presbyter for Ministers of the Concord Presbytery.

4. The pastoral relationship between the Selwyn Avenue Church and the Rev. Robert H. Ramey, Jr. was dissolved, effective February 1, 1974, in order for him to accept a call to the Memorial Drive Church of Stone Mountain, Georgia. He was granted a letter of dismissal to Atlanta Presbytery.

5. We would remind all churches that full time lay employees of the Churches are eligible for participation in the Employees' Annuity Fund, the "Additional Term Life" and the "Accidental Death and Dismemberment" programs of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

6. We would report that a letter was sent from the Commission to the Personnel Committee of Presbytery requesting that Christian Educators be given serious consideration for nomination to Presbytery Committees. The letter included a list of these Christian Educators.

7. We recommend that the following changes in terms of calls be approved:

Friedrich Schilling, Jr.	Salary	$1,000.00
Providence Presbyterian Church	Auto	800.00
	Annuity	12%
James E. Fogartie	Salary	300.00
Myers Park Presbyterian Church	Annuity	12%
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Salary	300.00
Myers Park Presbyterian Church	Annuity	12%
T. W. MacLean	Salary	$1,000.00
Avondale Presbyterian Church		
Lee Nichols	Salary	955.00
Avondale Presbyterian Church		
Carswell Hughs	Salary	750.00
First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte		
Leonard Topping	Salary	500.00
First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte		
F. A. Mathes	Salary	$500.00
Huntersville Presbyterian Church		
Robert E. Burnett	Salary	800.00
Williams Memorial Presbyterian	Auto	300.00
(Social Security Reimbursement)		150.00
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Salary	1,000.00
Covenant Presbyterian Church		
William B. Ward	Salary	520.00
Covenant Presbyterian Church		
Zane M. Moore	Salary	600.00
Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Auto	300.00
	Annuity	12%
H. Louis Patrick	Salary	900.00
Trinity Presbyterian Church		
Richard C. Brand, Jr.	Salary	568.00
Trinity Presbyterian Church		
A. Jackson Morrison	Salary	500.00
Third Presbyterian Church		
Robert S. Maclin	Salary	450.00
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church		
Edward C. Wilson	Salary	600.00
Indian Trail Presbyterian Church		
	Housing Allowance	200.00
	Social Security Payment	77.80
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Salary	380.00
	Annuity	10% to 12%
James E Ratchford	Salary	600.00
Norwood Presbyterian Church		

J. Harold McKeithen First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle	Salary	630.00
Robert W. Rayburn Christ Presbyterian Church:	Housing Allowance of $2,400.00 rather than manse provided, May 20, 1973 $200.00 increase in housing allowance, January 1, 1974	
Charles N. Clegg Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church	Salary	800.00

8. We would remind all churches of the fact that participation in the Ministers' Annuity Fund requires a payment of 12% as of January 1, 1974. All churches should have amended the terms of their calls to their ministers to incorporate this 2% increase.

9. We would remind the churches that all changes in terms of calls for pastors and associate pastors require congregational action. The Commission requests that in the future all reports of changes in the terms of the calls bear the signature of the Clerk of the congregational meeting subsequent to the congregation's concurrence with the changes. The calls for Assistant Pastors must be reviewed by the Session and the request for change of the call should be signed by the Clerk of Session.

10. The Rev. Henry S. Robinson was approved as Interim Supply and Moderator of the Session of the Newell Church for February, March and April, 1974.

11. The Rev. Thomas J. Nash, III was approved as Interim Supply of the Marshville Church for February, 1974.

12. The Rev. James McQuiston was approved as Interim Supply for the Ridgecrest Church for February, 1974.

13. A report from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David G. Boyce dated December 31, 1973, was received. He is now Audio-Visual officer for the U. S. Army Chaplain Board.

14. The Rev. J. Wendell Ligon, minister-elect of the Carmel Church, having been approved by the Sub-Committee on Examinations, was granted permission to move to his field.

15. The Rev. Warren G. Nance, minister-elect of the Matthews Church, having been approved by the Sub-Committee on Examinations, was granted permission to move to his field.

16. The pastoral relationship between the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte and the Rev. Leonard W. Topping was dissolved effective March 19, 1974. We recommend that the Rev. Leonard W. Topping be declared honorably retired, effective March 19, 1974.

17. Recommendation Concerning Disability Insurance:

    Whereas the Ministers' Annuity Fund of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, as of January 1, 1974, provides for ministers of the Presbyterian Church U. S. long-term disability coverage providing 60% of income up to a maximum of $600.00 per month payable to age 65;

    Whereas the Franchise for Disability Income Insurance of Pilot Life Insurance Company with Mecklenburg Presbytery is usually a duplication of coverage and, as such, the benefits of the two plans would be usually in excess of the 60% disability indemnity that group policies should cover;

    Whereas North Carolina law requires that group plans have a minimum of ten:

    Whereas there would be very few ministers not covered by M.A.F. disability insurance in Mecklenburg Presbytery; (Newly ordained ministers are not covered by M.A.F. disability for one year; if these were covered by the Pilot Life plan, there, on occasion, would not be a sufficient number (10); Pilot Life is not interested in a small group because once a franchise has been granted to a group, then there is much involved in cancellation of contracts on an individual basis; the ratio of newly ordained ministers becoming disabled would be infinitesimal, meaning close to zero.)

The Commission on the Minister and His Work recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery:

1. That the Franchise for Disability Income Insurance of Pilot Life Insurance with Mecklenburg Presbytery be discontinued.
2. That individual churches terminate coverage of ministers under the Pilot Life Franchise at the next renewal date, or that the church request of Pilot Life cancellation immediately with a refund of pro-rata premium.
3. That Disability Insurance be deleted from the minimum salary requirements of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
4. That the motion requiring that all churches receiving aid from Presbytery cover their minister under the Pilot Life Disability Franchise be rescinded.
5. That Churches whose ministers receive $14,000.00 or more per year or whose ministers are in their first year as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. be encouraged to provide, on an individual basis, a policy which would produce total disability benefits of 60% of the monthly salary.

18. The Commission adopted the following policy statement regarding Interim and Occasional Supply Preachers. We recommend that Presbytery approve this policy statement:

The General Presbyter shall maintain a list of those ministers available for pulpit supply. This list shall include retired ministers, ministers serving in administrative capacities, ministers in teaching positions or ministers who are otherwise maintained on the roll of Presbytery in non-pastoral duties. Presbytery's Office shall handle requests for pulpit supplies when received by the Commission on the Minister and His Work or when submitted directly to the Office of Presbytery by Sessions of the churches concerned.

Ministers who are to serve as Interim or Occasional supplies shall register with the General Presbyter and others shall be called on only at the specific request of a church or when a registered minister is unavailable.

The General Presbyter, through the office of Presbytery, shall make an inquiry the first week of the month preceding that for which assignments are to be made regarding which Sundays each person will have available for the following month.

Ministers who permit their names to remain on the supply minister roll shall be careful to fulfill all assignments originating from Presbytery's Office. Ministers who fail to keep a commitment due to a cause other than sickness or death in the minister's own family will be called for appointments only when those who are faithful are unavailable.

Assignments are to be made by the General Presbyter with the following priorities in mind:

1. Request of churches for particular individuals.
2. Suitability of ministers for the particular pulpit or situation. (Considered are such things as the minister's voice, ability, stamina, health, etc.)
3. The (apparent) need of the minister for the remuneration received from preaching assignments.

4. Desire of the ministers themselves for preaching assignments.
5. The effort of Presbytery's Office to provide at least one preaching assignment each month for each person who has expressed a desire for pulpit assignments.
6. Normally, ministers who are members of Mecklenburg Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church U. S. will receive first consideration for preaching assignments.
   Minimum remuneration for OCCASIONAL supply ministers shall be as follows for one worship:

   Honorarium: $35.00 Expenses: 12 cents per mile

   A minimum guideline for churches who use OCCASIONAL supplies is as follows:

   Honorarium: 1/4 of weekly base salary (not including M.A.F., manse, car allowance, etc.) being paid to present ministers, or to minister last serving church.

   Expenses: 12 cents per mile
7. We would remind Sessions of churches that the General Presbyter is willing to provide this service but the responsibility for pulpit supplies is that of the Session of the local church in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the **Book of Church Order** 25:4b-c

The above policies are not intended to apply to interim ministers who supply churches for longer periods of time in which cases, negotiation shall be worked out with the local church in accordance with the BCO and in consultation with the Commission.

Copies of this paper in its final form will be placed in the hands of the Worship Committees of vacant churches.

PART TWO

From the meeting of the Commission on February 21, 1974:

We would report that the Commission plans to sponsor a seminar in the late Spring on "The Multiple Staff", with competent leadership. Ministers and Christian Educators of Mecklenburg Presbytery with multiple staffs and those considering the calling of Christian Educators will be invited.

The Commission approved the following:

1. The Reverend Dr. Felix B. Gear—Interim Supply and Moderator of Session for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church for March, April and May, 1974.
2. Appointed the Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. Moderator Pro-Tem for the Session of the Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work of Mecklenburg Presbytery has been charged by the Presbytery to exercise pastoral oversight of all Christian educators of the Presbytery. In exercising this oversight, the Commission recommends the following:

> That minimum guidelines be established annually for Christian educators in the Presbytery and that the Commission be responsible for encouraging churches employing Christian educators to meet these minimums. Note: (Presbytery has no power according to the present **Book of Church Order** to enforce minimums concerning Christian educators but Presbytery may encourage churches to meet the financial needs of those in the Lord's service. Surely the Lord means for us to see that those serving have adequate means and are relieved from burdensome financial anxieties.)

A. That the minimum salary guidelines for full-time Christian educators for the year 1975 be as follows:

(1) Base Salary $7,200.
(2) Presbyterian Church U. S. Annuity & Disability: Full, or 10% paid by church.
(3) Health Insurance premiums paid by church.
(4) Auto allowance $800.
(5) Continuing Education Time two weeks; Financial $300.
(6) Vacation: four weeks.

B. That the Commission, upon acceptance of these minimum salary guidelines through the Committee on Pastoral Oversight and Ministers' Health, send a letter to each church with a full-time Christian educator informing the church of these minimums and encouraging the church to do at least this for its Christian educator.

We recommend that, since the church should be a leader and not a follower in the matter of righting inequities and since there has been discrimination in pay and in other ways as to sex in the U. S., Presbytery encourage all churches to review the working status of those serving in full-time church work with the goal of correcting any inequity that may have resulted from a person being male or female, married or unmarried; that churches be encouraged to grant just and fair pay for work done.

We recommend that the following changes in terms of calls (in addition to those reported at the last two meetings) be approved by Presbytery:

Rev. T. W. Tucker, Pastor of Sardis	Salary Increase	$ 622.
	Annuity	535.
Rev. Russell Kerr, Pastor of Philadelphia	Salary Increase	400.
	Housing Allowance Instead of Manse provided	3,600.
Rev. Robert H. Teed, Associate Pastor, Philadelphia	Salary Increase	600.
Rev. James W. Eller, Pastor, Robinson	Salary Increase	1,000.
	Auto Allowance Increase	200.
Rev. W. C. Rhodes, Assistant Pastor, Sharon	Salary Increase	1,200.
	Auto Allowance Increase	1,200.
Rev. Wm. A. Dysard, Jr., Pastor, Mulberry	Salary Increase	440.
Rev. Frank Wilkinson, Pastor, Calvary	Salary Increase to	7,800.
Rev. William M. Edwards II, Pastor, First, Monroe	Salary Increase	600.
	Auto Allowance Increase	300.
	Book Allowance Increase	50.

The terms of the call of the Amity Church to the Rev. James David Fletcher to become Associate Minister were approved. We recommend that the call be placed in his hand.
Terms of the call:

Salary $7,800.
Ministers' Annuity Fund 12%.
Automobile expense $1,000.00 annually.
Annual vacation of one month.
Annual study leave of two weeks.
Major Medical Hospitalization Insurance for self and family.
Annual Housing allotment: $1,800.

(At some future date when Mr. Fletcher has obtained housing the Session may designate a larger amount of cash remuneration for housing for tax purposes.)

Disability Insurance.

The following Commission was appointed to install Mr. Fletcher as Associate Minister of the Amity Church.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL J. DAVID FLETCHER AS ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF THE AMITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

Ministers:

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

R. Zach Thomas, III, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Minister.

Ruling Elders:

Paul G. Martin (Amity), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Mrs. R. J. Snell (Amity), Prayer.

Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First), Scripture Reading.

An interim report on the work done by the Locust Church Administrative Commission was presented by Roy W. Coker, Chairman of this Commission. This report was adopted.

"The Commission is at work on the assignment given us by Presbytery. We have met with and are continuing to meet with the Pastor, the Session and the Signers of the Memorial; the members of the congregation have been invited to communicate with the Commission by letter. We have not completed our task.

The Commission respectfully requests that the members of Presbytery pray for the Commission and cooperate with us by referring any communications (verbal or written) from Locust to the Commission.

We request that the Presbytery stand and be led in prayer for the work of the Administrative Commission by the immediate past Moderator, Leonard H. Bullock."

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was presented by Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman. This report was received as information and the recommendation adopted.

That the Trustees of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg be authorized to endorse a loan of $40,000 to the Indian Trail Presbyterian Church from the funds of the Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church U. S. at an interest rate not to exceed 6%.

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M. The Special Order following lunch was the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, which was presented by Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman. Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

1. That, at his own request, the name of Thomas Keller Pettus was removed from the Presbytery's Roll of Candidates (Mr. Pettus has concluded after a strenuous struggle, that he should serve God through a medical career).
2. That, concerning proposed testing for the mate of a Candidate under Care and in **lieu** of the proposal referred by the November

meeting for restudy and rewording, the following recommendations were adopted:

a. Presbytery, as part of its service to candidates through the Candidate Committee, make available to and encourage the spouse of a candidate to participate in the counseling program.

b. Testing be administered by the Career and Personal Counseling Services.

c. Cost be borne by Mecklenburg Presbytery.

d. Results of such counseling be shared, if at all, only with persons designated by the candidate's spouse.

e. Counseling be made available either at the time of the candidate's visit or at a later date to be determined by the parties concerned.

3. That Miss Wilma Jean Reichard, approved by the Committee, be admitted to examination for reception as a Candidate under Care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Miss Wilma Jean Reichard is a member of Amity Presbyterian Church and a Senior at St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Presbytery proceeded with the examination. Miss Reichard made a statement concerning her Christian experience and her motives for seeking the Christian ministry. This statement was sustained as satisfactory and Presbytery voted to receive Miss Reichard as a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Constitutional Questions were asked by the Moderator and answered in the affirmative by Miss Reichard. A charge was delivered to the candidate by Charles C. Cowsert and the Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer. The Moderator declared that Miss Reichard was a candidate under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery and pronounced the benediction.

Charles C. Cowsert presented James Wendell Ligon, minister-elect of the Carmel Presbyterian Church, and Warren George Nance, minister-elect of the Matthews Prsebyterian Church, to be examined for reception into Presbytery. These brethren made statements as to their Christian experience. They were then examined on their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The floor was opened for questions. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Ligon and Mr. Nance were then placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for the terms of the calls for Mr. Ligon and Mr. Nance.) These Ministers were then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers, and the following commissions were appointed to install them in the Carmel and Matthews Churches, respectively:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL J. WENDELL LIGON AS PASTOR OF THE CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY MARCH 3, 1974, AT 4:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Lawrence I. Stell, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

W. M. Boyce, To preach the Sermon.

Friedrich Schilling, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Alternate

RULING ELDERS:

Robert E. Mason (Myers Park), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Samuel B. Woods, Jr. (Carmel).

Joe M. Logan (Trinity).

Samuel Weir (Carmel), Alternate.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL WARREN G. NANCE AS PASTOR OF THE MATTHEWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Joe P. Arnold, To preach the Sermon.

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Randolph Norton (Sardis), To deliver the Charge to the Minister
Dewitt Simpson (Matthews), Installation Prayer.
J. W. Russell (Matthews).

The following motion was made by Charles C. Cowsert: That Presbytery's Manual, Chapter IV, Section I on Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee be amended so as to increase the number of teaching elder members from six to nine thus bringing the membership from fifteen to eighteen. There was a second to this motion and it was adopted as a FIRST READING.

George O. Stovall, Chairman, presented the report of the Personnel Committee.

Presbytery adopted Part I of the report—Committee Replacements—as follows:

COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS:

Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee:

1974—Leonard W. Topping, to replace J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., moved from Presbytery

Commission on the Minister and His Work:

1975—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, to replace Robert H. Ramey, Jr., moved from Presbytery

Research and Strategy Committee:

1974—James Laney (Siler), to replace A. Walton Litz (Myers Park), resigned from the Committee

Task Force on Women in Church and Society:

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, to replace J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., moved from Presbytery

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on the Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

W. G. Katibah, Jr., to replace J. Benjamin Kirkland, Jr., moved from Presbytery

The Court then proceeded to Part II of the Personnel Committee's report, which is the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly. The following were elected to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, June 16-22, 1974:

Ministers

Principals:

Charles E. S. Kraemer
Marcus B. Prince, III
T. W. Tucker
Roy W. Coker
William A. Dysard, Jr.
James W. Eller
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
Lawrence I. Stell

Alternates:

Charles L. Kirby
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
Richard C. Brand, Jr.
W. C. Rhodes, Jr.
William B. Ward
Robert O. Freeman
R. R. Love
J. A. Luddy, Jr.

Ruling Elders

Principals:

Charles A. Hunter (Forest Hill)
Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
T. LaFountine Odom (Pleasant Hill)
Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
Miss Mable Todd (Sugaw Creek)
Ernest G. Davis (Thomasboro)
Jessie Powell (Albemarle Road)
Joe Hudson (Providence)

Alternates:

Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)
Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
Joe Stroud (Christ)
Jack H. Linker (Benton Heights)
George Simpson (Turner)
Hugh Neisler (Pageland)

Youth Delegate

Principal:

Martha Elaine Rhodes (Davidson College)

Alternate:

James Craig Butler (Amity)

Frank C. Wilkinson presented the report of the Court Meetings Committee. The report was adopted by Presbytery.

The Committee on Court Meetings offered at the November Stated Meeting a proposal for restructuring the meetings of Presbytery. This proposal was docketed for this meeting. In light of a general uncertainty concerning the gasoline shortage, we move that this proposal be re-docketed for the September Meeting of Presbytery at which time it is to be hoped we will have more reliable information as to the availability of transportation.

Randolph Norton presented the report of the Commission to assist Smallwood Presbyterian Church. This report was admitted to record.

This Commission was elected and directed by Presbytery on November 28, 1972 to "Assist Smallwood Presbyterian Church in seeking a solution to its desire to continue its ministry in that neighborhood."

Members named to the Commission are Leonard H. Bullock, James E. Fogartie, A. Walton Litz, Randolph Norton, Edward F. Parnell, Jr., and Carl Uzzell. Randolph Norton was designated chairman.

This Commission began immediately a series of meetings with members and leaders of the Smallwood congregation, and secured the professional guidance of James Earhart of the Board of National Ministries The Commission met also with leadership of Catawba Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, and with leadership of the Department of Religion of Johnson C. Smith University.

The need for continued Presbyterian witness by Smallwood Church in its neighborhood was the unanimous consensus, and the Commission then proceeded to help the Smallwood congregation succeed in its expressed desire to strengthen and maintain it as a viable church within Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Commission then assisted the Smallwood Pulpit Committee in securing a pastor. The Rev. Emanuel E. Washington accepted the call in September, 1973 and was subsequently installed by Mecklenburg Presbytery. The Commission has continued to work with Mr. Washington as he seeks to build a congregation of Presbyterian Christians equipped for the mission in this area of Charlotte. The problems with which he wrestles are immense but challenging. They challenge Mecklenburg Presbytery—for Smallwood has ambitions to implement a program for which it will lack adequate resources despite the best efforts of its membership.

This Commission feels the time has come for Presbytery to dissolve and discharge the Commission, and for the regular committees of Presbytery to function in harness with the Smallwood Pastor and the Session of the Church. We, therefore, respectfully request such dissolution at this time.

Members of Smallwood Commission:

Leonard H. Bullock
James E. Fogartie
A. Watson Litz
Randolph Norton (Chairman)
Edward F. Parnell, Jr.
Carl Uzzell

Presbytery expressed its profound appreciation to the Chairman, and to each of the members for the dedication with which they have carried forward the work of the Smallwood Commission to such a happy conclusion.

Presbytery took recess at 3:30 P.M. and reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

A report of the Task Force on Hunger was presented by Douglas W. Oldenburg. This report was received as information.

A report on Evangelism Southeast was made by Friedrich Schilling. In connection with this report, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. spoke about the convention to be held in Charlotte September 16-19, 1974. The report was received as information.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was presented by Leonard H. Bullock. He stated that this committee did not propose to answer the overture submitted by Zane M. Moore in either the positive or negative, but would submit and recommend an alternate overture with Dr. Moore's consent. This overture was presented and adopted by Presbytery for submission to the General Assembly.

Whereas the General Assembly, in approving a new structure of organization and function, sought to make the units of the General Assembly directly responsible to that body in order to receive input from all levels of the Church; and

Whereas one of the broad principles expressed is that the General Assembly is the highest court of the Church and, that it makes the final decision over its mission and program units; and

Whereas the principle of involvement and non-involvement of the Church in activities beyond the structure of the Church is expressed in the General Assembly's clarification of the Washington Communicator's Office (Minutes of the 113th Meeting of the General Assembly—page 92);

And inasmuch as the General Executive Board has been asked to support and participate in a number of coalitions and organizations whose purpose and methods may or may not be demonstrably consistent with social and theological statements of the General Assembly;

Therefore, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the General Assembly to instruct the General Executive Board and associated divisions and personnel to refer any matter over which there is clearly a question of propriety to the General Assembly for its judgment.

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by J. Arthur Beard. This report was adopted by Presbytery and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

J. E. Wayland, Sr. presented a personal testimony to Presbytery which was received as information.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by G. Carswell Hughs and adopted by Presbytery.

Whereas the minister, officers and members of the Mulberry Presbyterian Church so graciously hosted the meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery on the 26th day of February, 1974, and provided for its members every need through most helpful hosts, more than ample refreshments, and a bountiful lunch, be it therefore resolved that at its 9th Stated Meeting, Mecklenburg Presbytery expresses its deep appreciation to the entire congregation of the Mulberry Presbyterian Church, and that a record of such appreciation be spread upon the Minutes of Presbytery.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

There was a motion to adjourn, a second to this motion, and it was adopted. The Court stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. The Court stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 28, 1974, in the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Tenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 28, 1974

The 10th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery convened in the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church on May 28, 1974 at 9:00 A.M. The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Leonard W. Topping.

The Worship Service was led by the Reverend J. David Fletcher. Mr. David Scott Lindsay, candidate for Ordination, preached the opening sermon. The title of his sermon was: "The Power of Forgiveness", based on I John 1:5-10.

A Memorial to Dr. Robert S. Woodson was presented by Thomas C. Bryan. The Memorial was adopted, and a prayer for God's comforting presence with Dr. Woodson's family was offered by Lawrence I. Stell.

MEMORIAL TO ROBERT SINGLETON WOODSON

As the shadows lengthened in the western Blue Ridge mountains on March 17, 1974, the soul of Robert Singleton Woodson exchanged its dwelling place in the Oteen Veteran's Hospital to that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens and to a welcome from those who had gone before him. It was there he heard the Master whom he had served with devotion extend the greeting, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

As men count years he was 79. An honorably retired member of Mecklenburg Presbytery, he was a son of the Manse, born in Laddonia, Missouri, on December 4, 1894 to Reverend Albert R. and Mary Singleton Woodson. He was united in marriage to Miss Janie James McDill of Chester, South Carolina on June 22, 1922. Theirs was a partnership in love and in Christ for over 50 years. They set up and maintained an ideal family home—an example of Christian life and service. His wife survives him, together with two daughters, Marianna Petrie, now Mrs. Richard S. Cobb, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Jane Lewis, now Mrs. William B. Dorsey of Gautier, Mississippi. One brother and one sister survive—Dr. Marshall S. Woodson of Albany, Georgia, and Mrs. Thad D. McNaull of Charlotte, North Carolina. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Bob spent one year in the United States Navy.

His education for his calling was thorough, and he applied himself completely to take advantage of it. He was graduated from Presbyterian College of South Carolina where he was involved fully in its life and where it was said he was at his best in the class room. His life was summarized in lines from "Rosciad" by Charles Churchill, as part of his Senior year write-up:

> "View the whole scene, with critic judgment scan,
> And then deny him merit if you can;
> Where he falls short, 'tis nature's fault alone;
> Where he succeeds, the merit's all his own."

His basic theological education was obtained at Columbia Seminary. Contemporaneously, he studied for his Master's Degree, and attained it, at the University of South Carolina. Some years later, he took graduate work at Union Seminary and was awarded his ThD. Degree.

He was ordained by East Alabama Presbytery on October 16, 1921 and served one year at Andalusia, Alabama. He was then called as Student Pastor at the First Church, Charlottesville, Virginia where he pioneered in a position not previously established in the Church. After three years, he moved to Mississippi where he was destined to spend one half of his ordained ministry. It was his lot to build a sanctuary and educational building at Tupelo which had been destroyed by a tornado. He served two debt-ridden churches and led them out of debt. In Starkville the first young man to enter the ministry from that church did so during his pastorate. From Starkville he moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where, after a year, he was called into active service as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Bob's military service was in the following posts: Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and with the 239th Hospital in France. In this post he ministered to thousands after the Battle of the Bulge and conducted graveside services for about 1,000. He was a source of comfort and strength to his men. He retired from military service with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

He returned to the pastorate in 1946 and became pastor of the Yazoo City, Mississippi Church which he served for 11 years. From Yazoo City, he was called to the Trinity Church, Charlotte, to be associated with Lawrence Stell, his primary responsibility being in the field of pastoral care. In this it is stated, "he did a marvelous work." When Dr. Stell left, Bob Woodson carried the full responsibility of church leadership for several months. A lover of people, he endeared himself to them.

Bob was honorably retired by a grateful Presbytery on December 4, 1964. Three years later he came out of retirement to become Associate Pastor, with Eugene Poe, of the Westminster Church, where again he displayed those fine qualities of mind and heart which greatly benefitted that young church. It is said of his ministry there, ". . . . the fruit of it does not terminate with his being promoted to the Church Triumphant." His second retirement was as Associate Pastor Emeritus of the Westminster Church.

After his second retirement he continued in usefulness as his health would permit; his chief work was as a member of the Chaplain's Staff at the Community Hospital. Those serving on that staff with him following his bedside visits heard many expressions of gratitude for the comfort he brought. He had a special love for this hospital. When hospitalization was ordered for him, he chose it above all others.

In the Epistle to the Hebrews it is said of Abel that he "offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. . . . God testifying of his gifts and by it he, being dead, yet speaketh." These gifts with which Bob Woodson were endowed were willingly laid upon the altar of service to Christ and His Church, to the end that, even now, "he being dead, yet speaks."

He speaks to Ministers who take an interest in the life of their communities as he became involved in movements for civic righteousness. In one city he served as Housing Authority Commissioner. He was an avid Rotarian with a 22-year perfect attendance record.

He speaks to Ministers in their role and responsibility as Presbyters by his faithful attendance at all church courts and fulfilling all assignments. When there was discord he had the reputation of being a peacemaker, calling for prayer in times of stress and indecision. He served as Moderator of two Synods—Mississippi and Arkansas.

He speaks to Ministers as Pastors. It could not be said of him, "He made no house calls," because of his conviction that his pulpit ministry was largely ineffective without knowledge of his people in their homes. The contacts thus made drew people to him as the moon the tide. The following words and expressions are selected from estimates of his ministry as a Pastor:

"friendly" . . . . "sincere" . . . . "a dynamic personality" . . . . "patient" "a keen sense of humor" . . . . "he left you feeling better than when he arrived" . . . . "his prayers had special appeal" . . . . "he did more for me than any Minister I have ever known". . . ."

He speaks to husbands, fathers, and brothers of thoughtfulness, consideration, and devotion in the family circle. In this relationship the words of Riley seem appropriate,

"Mild and gentle, as he was brave
When the dearest love of his life he gave
To simple things . . . ."

When Bob Woodson served in Charlottesville, he knew a man of scholarship and deep piety, Prof. Noah K. Davis. As Dr. Davis was nearing his 80th birthday he wrote a poem, "Nearly Eighty". It was read at his memorial service, and we include two of its stanzas at the close of this Memorial,

"A call for me
Across the sea;
Come home! thy work is done;
The sky is clear
But night draws near—
Embark at set of sun.

My home is there
His love to share
Who gave Himself for me.
I hear the word,
I come, dear Lord,
'Tis heaven to be with Thee."

A Memorial Service for Robert Singleton Woodson was conducted by two of his former associates, Eugene Poe and Lawrence Stell, in the Westminster Church, Charlotte, on March 19, 1974, a service of triumph in the Christian faith. Interment with full military honors was in Arlington National Cemetery on March 21.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg in session in the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church on May 28, 1974 would record its gratitude to God for the life and labors of Robert S. Woodson and its sorrow over the passing of a friend and brother. It would extend its love and sympathy to his wife, daughters, brother, and sister and the grandchildren, and would pray that the comfort of God's presence would abide with them.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Steven E. Barrett, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, David G. Boyce, Richard C. Brand, Jr., Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H.

Caldwell, James A. Cannon, R. Thomas Cheely, Charles N. Clegg, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, James W. Eller, J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, R. O. Freeman, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, James P. Knight, Charles E. S. Kraemer, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Tom A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., Robert S. Maclin, T. W. MacLean, Frank Alfred Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Julius W. Melton, Jr., Robert L. Morgan, Jr., Zane M. Moore, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, R. Lee Nichols, Jr., French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. Rush Otey, III, H. Louis Patrick, Zachary T. Piephoff, Jr., E. P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, W. C. Rhodes, Jr., Earl D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, H. E. Stoessel, Robert H. Teed, R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, W. G. Workman.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Arthur S. Gatewood, G. Carswell Hughs, Rodney R. Love, Earl MacCormac, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Neely D. McCarter, Douglas W. Oldenburg, Rodney C. Shoemaker.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: C. L. Cheshire, Jr.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, Fetzer Hartsell; Albemarle Road, Clyde Bingman; Amay James, Lewis Price; Amity, Tommie N. Kiser; Avondale, W. E. Stowe; Watson C. Bearden; Benton Heights, J. Earl Williams; Bethlehem, Hoyt Purser; Caldwell, J. V. Andrews; Calvary, Bobby Overcash; Camden, Charlie Moore; Carmel, H. S. Glenn; Central Steele Creek, Harold D. Pratt; Charlotte First, Mrs. Sue Kornegay, Charles Patterson; Christ, Earl M. Cox; Cook's Memorial, Richard T. Rozzelle; Covenant, J. Leon Moore, Mrs. Frank H. Caldwell, Richard H. Brooks, Herbert E. Rupp; Davidson College, Malcolm Lester; First Union, O. R. Stutts; Forest Hill, Thomas C. Rogers; Hickory Grove, Kenneth Norris; Hopewell, Howard S. White; Huntersville, C. Herbert Smith; Indian Trail, T. A. Biggers; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Joe Clontz; Mallard Creek, Craven Thomas; Matthews, J. William Russell; McGee, J. Ross Kistler; McQuay, A. A. Clark; Memorial, Ross Hendrix; Monroe First, Jim Brown; Morven, W. E. Stegall; Mulberry; Mrs. Linda Schrum; Myers Park, J. David Barnhardt, R. A. Bigger, Jr, Charles M. Marshall, J. Norman Pease; Newell, Mrs. W. W. Glenn; Norwood, R. B. Winchester; Oakboro, W. J. McLendon; Pageland, Ray Yandle; Paw Creek, Worth Campbell; Plaza, Mrs. H. S. Cuthbertson, Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Virginia J. Winget; Providence, Henry D. Niven; Quail Hollow, Herbert Garrison; Ramah, Harry Washam; Ridgecrest, Alvin Richie; Robinson, Melvin H. Batchatis; St. Andrews, Vernon P. McNeely; St. Giles, Don Morgan; St. John, Cloyd Goodrum, Jr.; Sardis, J. M. Wallace, Jr., L. Hunter Pharr, Mrs. W. T. Anderson; Seigle Avenue, David G. Martin, Jr.; Selwyn Avenue, Richard M. Foard; Sharon, Mrs. G. W. Elliott, Jr., U. S. Allee; Siler, Fleet Davis; South Tryon, Mrs. Annie N. Davis; Steele Creek, Leighton Brown; Stephenson, Guy D. Privette; Sugaw Creek, Eldon Alexander, William K. Byrum; Third, Sam Morris; Thomasboro, Ernest G. Davis, J. Earl Sifford; Trinity, Mrs. L. Eugene Johnson, Jr.; Turner, Parks McCorkle; Walkersville, Johnny Mosley; Waxhaw, W. C. Massey; Westminster, W. Frank Robinson; Westover Hills, J. B. Morrow; Williams Memorial, W. T. McConnell.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Banks, Clanton Memorial.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Badin, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Bethel, Beulah, East, Hawley Memorial, Indian Hill, Lee Park, New Salem, Marshville, Philadelphia, Rehoboth, Salem, Smallwood, Unionville, Wadesboro.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Carlita L. Gemin, Judy Fletcher, Mary Gray, Harold C. Smith, Jr., Virginia Jones, Mary Moser, Jeanie Ogilvie, Anne Vickers.

A quorum was declared present.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the docket which was amended and adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Mr. David Scott Lindsay
2. Memorial to Dr. Robert S. Woodson—Thomas C. Bryan
3. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
4. Election of Moderator, Reverend Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Moderator-Nominee
5. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee)—Warner L. Hall
6. Report of Committee on Arrangements—Kenneth P. Craig
7. Appointment of Standing Committees
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
8. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
9. Nomination of Moderator (Last order before morning recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
10. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr
11. Report of Trustees—Edd W. DeArmon, Jr.
12. Report of Commission on the Minister and His Work—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Charles C. Cowsert (First Order after Lunch)
14. Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery
    1. Evaluation and Review—Lewis W. Bledsoe
    2. Christian Education—Fred C. Holder
    3. Institutional Ministries—J. Arthur Beard
    4. Strategy and Research—Randolph Norton

   5. Deployment and Sustentation—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
   6. Specialized Ministry—Friedrich Schilling, Jr.
   7. World Missions—Eldon D. Wadsworth
   8. Administrative Commission—Locust Church—Roy W. Coker
   9. Task Force on Counseling—Lewis W. Bledsoe
15. Report of Personnel Committee—George O. Stovall
16. Report of Special Committee on Staff Priorities—James E. Fogartie
    RECESS: 3:30-3:45 P.M.
17. Commissions to be Appointed
18. Unfinished Business: Attendance, Resolution of Thanks, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benedition

An invitation from the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church for the next Stated Meeting was accepted. The meeting is to be held on September 24, 1974.

The host Pastor, Kenneth P. Craig, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery and made some announcements concerning arrangements for this meeting.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Leonard Topping
Kenneth P. Craig
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
W. R. Aughinbaugh
J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell)
Harold Pratt (Central Steele Creek)
Earl Sifford (Thomasboro)

RESOLUTIONS

W. D. Morton
Eldon D. Wadsworth
A. Rudolph Hendricks
Mrs. Virginia Winget (Pleasant Hill)
David G. Martin, Jr. (Seigle Avenue)
Earl Cox (Christ)

TELLERS

Paul A. Horne
J. K. Aiken, Jr.
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.
Otto Stutts (First Union)
Ken Harris (Hickory Grove)
Tom Rogers (Forest Hill)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.
Robert E. Burnett
Henry D. Niven (Providence)
Linda Schrum (Mulberry)
Wm. E. Stowe (Avondale)

The communications were read by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismission of John R. MacKinnon from Brazos Presbytery and Charles D. Elyea, Jr. from Concord Presbytery. Mr. MacKinnon is serving as Director of the Presbyterian Family Life Center, Charlotte, N. C., and Mr. Elyea is the Minister-elect of the Walkersville Presbyterian Church.

2. Certificate of Dismissal for Candidate David Scott Lindsay from Hanover Presbytery.

3. The Minutes of Commissions to install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR J. WENDELL LIGON AS PASTOR OF THE CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1974 AT 4:30 P.M.

The Commission met on March 3, 1974 at 4:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Lawrence I. Stell, Chairman; W. M. Boyce and Horace H. Hilton, Jr. RULING ELDERS: Robert E. Mason (Myers Park), Samuel B. Woods, Jr. (Carmel), Samuel Weir (Carmel).

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Lawrence I. Stell. Sam B. Woods, Jr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. W. M. Boyce read the Scripture and Lawrence I. Stell had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by W. M. Boyce on the topic/text: "His Last Word And Our First Duty"—Acts 1:8.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Carmel Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that J. Wendell Ligon had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Carmel Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Horace H. Hilton, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Samuel B. Woods, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Horace H. Hilton, Jr.

Samuel B. Woods, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR WARREN GEORGE NANCE AS PASTOR OF THE MATTHEWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on March 10, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman, Joe P. Arnold, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. RULING ELDERS: Randolph Norton and J. William Russell.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. J. William Russell was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading.

The Sermon was preached by Joe P. Arnold on the topic/text: "Why Can't We Do It Like We Use To"—Luke 13:10-17.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Matthews Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then led in the Installation Prayer. The Chairman then declared that Warren George Nance had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Matthews Presbyterian Church. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Randolph Norton.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

J. William Russell
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JAMES DAVID FLETCHER AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE AMITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on March 17, 1974 at 10:45 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Fred C. Holder, Chairman; Robert J. James, and R. Zach Thomas, III. RULING ELDERS: Robert F. Stokes, Mrs. R. J. Snell and Paul G. Martin.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Fred C. Holder. Mrs. R. J. Snell was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Robert F. Stokes read the Scripture.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic, "Bred and Born in a Briarpatch".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The

Chairman then propounded the Constiutional Questions to the Amity Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Associate Minister the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that James David Fletcher had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Minister of the Amity Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Minister was delivered by R. Zach Thomas, III.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Paul G. Martin.

Following prayer by Mrs. R. J. Snell and singing, and giving the peace of Christ, the Pastor, Fred C. Holder, pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by R. Zach Thomas, III.

Mrs. R. J. Snell, Secretary

Malcolm Lester, a Ruling Elder in the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination by acclamation for the September Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess at 10:15 A.M.

Following the morning recess, Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, reported for Presbytery's Council. The Four Parts of Council's Report were adopted and admitted to record as follows:

PART I

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, Presbytery's Council has:

1. Negotiated a right of way contract with Duke Power Company at the back of the Nations Ford Road property.
2. Set up a committee to prepare job description for a Presbytery Associate in Christian Education. The committee consists of: Rev. J. Harold McKeithen, Chairman, Rev. Miss Laura Buzard, Mrs. Virginia H. Jones, Rev. Robert J. James, the chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, and chairman of the Council as consulting members. This committee has completed its work and the job description is presented to the Presbytery with the approval of the Council.
3. The Council has made the following appropriations from the contingency fund:
    (1) $7,500.00 to the Tack Force on Counseling as directed by the Presbytery.
    (2) $500.00 to the Institutional Ministries Committee to carry out a study in opportunities for ministry in the prisons in the area of the Presbytery.
    (3) $150.00 to the Task Force on Women's Concerns for mailing and supplies.
    (4) $500.00 to the Specialized Ministry Committee to carry out their commitment to the United Community Services Speech Language and Hearing Center.
    (5) $250.00 to the Worship Committee to be used for up to eight scholarships for ministers, choir directors and organists on a first come basis to the worship conference at Montreat.
4. Has received the request of James Barnhardt to be replaced on the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Presbytery hear Rev. T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, concerning the schedule for budgeting process in 1974-75.
2. That Presbytery approve the job description for the Associate in Christian Education and make it a part of the Presbytery's Manual.
3. That the Presbytery designate the committee that has drawn up the job description for the Associate in Christian Education as a search committee to recommend to the Presbytery the person to fill this office.
4. That Presbytery approve the deed for right of way for the Nations Ford Road property.
5. That the Presbytery receive Mr. Barnhardt's resignation with regret, and instruct the Committee on Personnel to name a replacement in the Class of 1974.

PART II

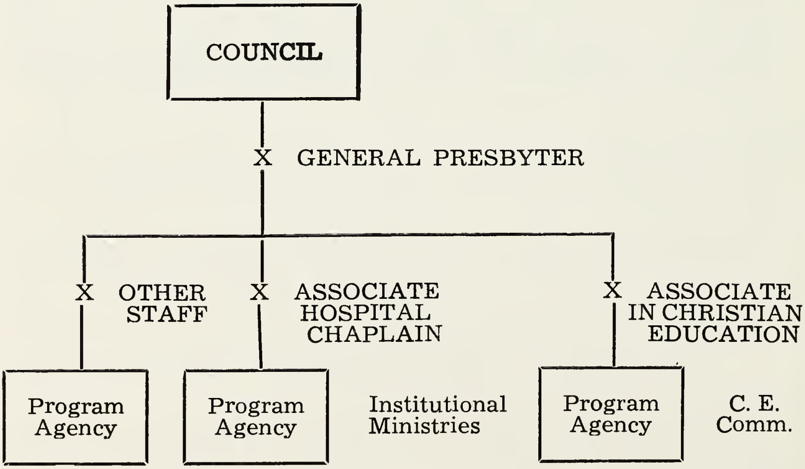
ASSOCIATE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

I. Statement of Philosophy and Purpose

In the Presbyterian Church each Session has the responsibility and authority for shaping and implementing a program of Christian Education in the local church whose spiritual life is under its care. However, as an expression of the connectional nature of our church, the Presbytery and other courts have responsibility for resourcing and supporting the local church leadership (volunteer and professional) in this task. These higher courts must do this by means of a program administered by appointed committees supported by staff professionals. The Presbytery, being the nearest court to the Session and local church, has more direct involvement in Christian education than do the other courts. The Presbytery's Christian Education Committee and the Associate for Christian Education are the channels by which Presbytery provides the resources and support which local churches need.

II. Staff Relationships

A. The Associate in Christian Education will be called by and will be accountable to Presbytery, through the General Presbyter and Presbytery Council as described below:



B. Within this framework the Associate in Christian Education will be a full member of a professional team with specific areas of responsibility as defined in the following section of this paper. As such, the Associate will attend regular meetings of Presbytery Council and meetings of Presbytery.

III. Areas of Responsibility
  A. In Relation to Presbytery
    1. The primary function of the Associate will be to serve as a professional resource to the Christian Education Committee of Presbytery. In this capacity the Associate will:
      a. attend regular meetings of the committee
      b. provide training for committee members
      c. assist in designing, implementing and evaluating the committee's programs
    2. A secondary function will be to serve as a professional resource to other Presbytery committees requesting the kinds of educational skills possessed by the Associate.
    3. An additional function will be to supervise and promote the use of multi-media resources owned by Presbytery.
  B. In Relation to Local Churches
    1. The Associate will take the initiative in establishing a relationship with the churches of Presbytery.
    2. The Associate will be available for work in local churches.
      a to train persons with Christian education responsibilities
      b. to assist with planning and evaluation
      c. to provide information regarding resource materials and personnel
  C. In Relation to Ministers and D.C.E.s
    1. The Associate in Christian Education will be available as a counselor and consultant to ministers and D.C.E.s of Presbytery.
    2. The Associate will plan ways to help ministers and D.C.E.s develop their educational skills. This will include such areas as human relations, leadership training, organization development and curriculum building.
  D. In Relation to Synod and General Assembly
    1. The Associate will provide liaison with other courts of the church where educational matters are involved.
    2. The Associate will keep Presbytery's Council informed about participation in activities related to other courts of the Church. The amount of time to be spent in such activities will be negotiated with Council.

IV. General Remarks
  A. In allocating time and energy, the Associate should give an appropriate place to personal, family and civic interests.
  B. This job description will be reviewed annually and will be subject to revision according to the changing needs of Presbytery and the developing interests and abilities of the Associate.

PART III

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Proposed Calendar for 1974-75

February-March, 1974—General Assembly budget negotiations

April—Synod budget hearings and negotiations with Presbyteries

April 30—Budget & Finance Committee determines schedule for '75 budget-making process

May—Presbytery Council review budget-making process

June—Letter to Paid Staff Committee of Council requesting that they prepare salary recommendations for Business Fund Budget by September 1

August—Letter to all committee chairmen requesting askings for Benevolence Budget be submitted at October 1 meeting

September 3 (Tuesday)—Budget & Finance Committee meet to prepare Business Fund Budget

September 12 (Thursday)—Council act on Business Fund Budget, including per capita tax for 1975. Plan stewardship pitch to be used to encourage benevolence giving by local churches

September 24 (Tuesday)—Presbytery act on Business Fund Budget, including per capita tax for 1975.

September—General Presbyter and Treasurer asked to estimate 1975 benevolence income in light of 1973 giving and giving during 8 months of '74

October 1 (Tuesday)—10:00 a.m.—Budget & Finance Committee meet to receive askings for 1975 Benevolence Budget, begin work on final recommended budget

October 8 (Tuesday)—10:00 a.m.—Budget & Finance Committee meet if necessary to complete work on '75 Benevolence Budget

October 10 (Thursday) Recommended Benevolence Budget presented to Council, with committee chairmen given opportunity to react to any changes in their askings

November—Copies of recommended Benevolence Budget mailed to Presbytery Commissioners, along with a form for churches to indicate 1975 giving plans. Budget presented to Presbytery for action.

December—Synod and General Assembly notified of 1975 acceptances

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January—Follow-up letter to churches from treasurer encouraging their reporting acceptances, suggesting how to send in various benevolence monies, requesting that all monies for local benevolence projects be channeled through Presbytery's treasurer. (May have to phone some churches for acceptances.)

January—Letter to committee chairman from Council requesting that they submit to Council by the April meeting a list of their goals for **1976.**

February—Budget & Finance Committee meet to prepare recommendations for Synod Council concerning 1976 budget negotiations, to outline budgeting process for 1975.

March/April—Hearings and negotiations on Synod budget for 1976.

PART IV

RESOLUTION FOR GRANTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY TO DUKE POWER COMPANY

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery is the owner of certain real property located on Nations Ford Road in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, said parcel of real property containing approximately 10 acres and being the parcel of real estate described in a deed recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in Book 2595, Page 441, and shown on a plat of survey prepared by Duke Power Company dated February 4, 1974 and,

WHEREAS, Duke Power Company has requested that Mecklenburg Presbytery grant to the company a right-of-way for purposes of erecting a transmission power line and has agreed to pay the sum of $4,520.00 as compensation for the said right-of-way, a proposed Right-of-Way Agreement being attached hereto along with a copy of said survey upon which is shown the limits of the proposed right-of-way. ("Right-of-Way Agreement" in Presbytery Office Files)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mecklenburg Presbytery at its duly convened meeting on May 28, 1974 does hereby agree to sell the right-of-way set out in the attached documents to Duke Power Company and hereby authorizes and directs the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery to execute the original of said Right-of-Way Agreement and to prepare and execute whatever other documents are necessary to convey to Duke Power Company the right-of-way requested. The Trustees are to collect the purchase price upon delivery of said documents and shall remit said funds to the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. This report, as amended, was adopted in part and as a whole.

PART I

Since the February 26, 1974 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister and His Work has met on March 21, 1974 and April 18, 1974. This partial report is based on the foregoing meetings. The remainder of our report growing out of our scheduled meeting on May 16, 1974 will be furnished commissioners at the May 28, 1974 meeting of Presbytery.

From March 21, 1974 meeting:

1. We recommend that the Rev. John R. MacKinnon, Director of the Presbyterian Family Life Center, presently member of Brazos Presbytery, be received by Mecklenburg Presbytery, subject to satisfactory examination by Presbytery.
2. We recommend the following changes in terms of calls:

   Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh of Cooks Memorial Church:

Salary Increase	$540.00
Auto Allowance Increase	$ 60.00

   Rev. R. Thomas Cheely of the Locust Church:

Salary Increase	$500.00
M.A.F. payments to 12%	
Auto Allowance Increase	$100.00

3. At his own request and with the concurrence of the Sardis congregation, the relationship of the Rev. Joe P. Arnold, as Associate Pastor, was dissolved, effective April 30, 1974.

   We recommend that the Rev. Joe P. Arnold be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for one year, in order that he may re-evaluate his vocation.
4. We recommend, that at his own request, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer be declared "Honorably Retired", effective June 30, 1974.
5. The Rev. Jefferson K. Aiken was appointed Moderator Pro-tempore of the Session of the Memorial Church.

From April 18, 1974 Meeting:

1. The Rev. Miss Laura Buzard is completing one year as an Associate Pastor at the Dilworth United Methodist Church. She had Presbytery'spermission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery during the past year. She reports that she has had a satisfactory and happy year of work. She is also active in Presbytery committee work. She requests that she be allowed to continue in this relationship for another year.

We recommend that the Rev. Miss Laura Buzard be granted permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery for another year so that she may continue her present work at the Dilworth United Methodist Church.

2. The Commission approved Mr. Vernon H. Dodd, a candidate for the Ministry from Westminster Presbytery and a senior at Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary, for a possible call from the Session of the Hopewell Church to serve as Assistant Pastor.
3. The Commission approved Mr. David Scott Lindsay, a senior at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia for a possible call from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, to serve as Assistant Pastor.
4. The Commission approved the Rev. Charles D. Elyea, Jr., a member of Concord Presbytery and pastor of the Flow-Harris Church of Concord, N. C. for a possible call to serve as Pastor of the Walkersville Church.
5. The terms of the call of the Session of the First Church, Charlotte, to Mr. David Scott Lindsay to serve as Assistant Minister were in order. We recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to satisfactory examination and reception by Presbytery. Terms of the Call are as follows:

Salary	$9,000.00
Manse Allowance	$2,400.00
All Utilities	
Automobile and all related expenses	
Group insurance plan of PCUS, with major medical benefits for minister and family	
M.A.F. 12%	
Moving Expenses	
One month's annual vacation	

6. We recommend that the terms of the call of the Williams Memorial Church to the Rev. Robert E. Burnett be changed by the following increases:

Salary	$800.00
Auto Allowance	$300.00
Utilities	$120.00
Reimbursement for Social Security Payments	$150.00

7. We recommend that the Rev. Dr. W. Gatewood Workman be declared "Honorably Retired", effective May 29, 1974.
8. We recommend that the following minimum salary requirements for ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery for 1974 be as follows:

1974 Minimum	**1975 Minimum**
1. Salary $7,800.00	1. Salary $8,400.00
2. Auto Allowance $1,000.00	2. Auto Allowance $1,200
3. Manse or Adequate Housing Allowance	3. Manse or Adequate Housing Allowance
4. Utilities Costs or Reasonable Specified Allowance for such	4. Utilities Costs or Reasonable Specified Allowance for such
5. Full 12% for Ministers' Annuity Fund	5. Full 12% for Ministers' Annuity Fund
6. Life & Hospital Insurance for Minister & family	6. Life & Hospital Insurance for Minister & family
7. One month vacation	7. One month vacation
8. Moving Expenses	8. Moving expenses
	9. 2 weeks annual study leave time—at a time agreed upon by minister and Session
	10. $200.00 for continuing education

9. The Rev. William M. Boyce was approved as Interim Supply for Memorial Church and Moderator Pro-tempore of the Session for three months beginning the first Sunday in May 1974. The Rev. Jefferson K. Aiken, who had been appointed Moderator Pro-tempore of the Session at the April meeting, is relieved of this responsibility during Mr. Boyce's supply.
10. The Rev. Leonard W. Topping was approved as Interim Assistant Minister of the Albemarle Road Church for a period of six months, beginning April 1, 1974.
11. Dr. Isaac A. Isaiah, a medical doctor and a minister-member of Catawba Presbytery was approved as Temporary Assistant Pastor of Cooks Memorial Church for a period of one year, beginning, July 1, 1974. (This is a special arrangement involving no remuneration and only part-time service of Dr. Isaiah).

PART II

Actions and Recommendations coming from the Stated Meeting of the Commission on the Minister and His Work May 16, 1974:

1. The relationship between Queens College and the Rev. Dr. C. Franklin Jacks will terminate on June 30, 1974.
   We recommend that Dr. Jacks be granted permission to labor within the bounds of Presbytery, without a specific call, as a teacher-at-large for a period of one year.
2. The Rev. G. Eliot Dixon, pastor of the W. H. Belk Church, was approved for a possible call to serve as pastor of the Ridgecrest Church.
3. The pastoral relationship between the W. H. Belk Church and the Rev. G. Eliot Dixon was dissolved at his own request and with the concurrence of the congregation, effective July 31, 1974.
4. The Ridgecrest Church has extended a call to the Rev. G. Eliot Dixon. The terms of the call were found in order. They are as follows:

Salary	$7,800.00
Auto Allowance	1,000.00
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Utilities Allowance	500.00
M.A.F. 12%	
Life and Major Medical Insurance for Minister and family	
One month vacation	
Moving Expenses	

   We recommend that a call be placed in his hands and that a commission be appointed to install him.

5. The Walkersville Church has extended a call to the Rev. Charles D. Elyea, Jr. The terms of the call were found in order. They are as follows:

Salary	$8,100.00
Auto Allowance	1,320.00
Utilities	600.00
Books	100.00
Allowance for Social Security	600.00
Major Medical Insurance for Minister and family	
Disability Insurance	
M.A.F. 12%	
Manse	
Moving Expense	
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks for study, educational purposes	

   We recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to his satisfactory examination by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by the Chairman, Lewis W. Bledsoe. It was received as information.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, Fred C. Holder. The report and its recommendations were adopted.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

The Christian Education Committee has endeavored to provide for the churches and the Presbytery organization those particular services expected of it. There are four subcommittees, whose reports follow, that carry out the functions of this committee.

Highlights of the year in summary are: (1) A highly successful fall lab school that was enthusiastically well attended; (2) The Charlotte Area Learning Event had fine leadership; (3) The Children's Work Subcommittee sponsored a Display Day (D-Day) with the best selection of educational material displayed since the book store closed; (4) Increase in the number of campers; (5) Open House at the Career and Personal Counseling Center at Queens; (6) Spring Workshop for help for the Church School and for summer activities.

The Chairman has been active with the Council in drawing a revised job description for the Presbytery DCE. In this connection the committee takes note of Mrs. Virginia Jones departure in a matter of weeks or at least at the time when we shall have obtained an educator.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The 1974 committee plans a Lab School for Sunday, Sept. 8 at Covenant Church, and the Charlotte Area Learning Event for October 27 and 28 at Sardis Church.

The Charlotte Learning Event for the fall of 1974 is a special conference on the theme: "The Crisis in Christian Education." The conference will explore through lectures, presentations, and discussion groups where the current methods of Christian education have failed, and examine some ways in which Christian education can be improved through modification of existing structures and the adoption of new models.

Persons who have taught in our schools to whom we record thanks are: Sarah Frances Thompson, Marian Fisk, Eleanor Godfrey, Joan Tucker, David Ng, E. T. Thompson, Sr., Don Griggs, Samuel Maloney, Louise Farrior, Betty Blanton, and Pauline Meek.

Anthony S. Abbott,
Chairman

CHILDREN'S WORK

The Children's Work Subcommittee planned and coordinated the full scale D-Day (Display Day) on March 26, 1974 at the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. Formerly a display program for children's material, it was designed for the whole range of materials this time. The display was so well done that a request was made to repeat it in other areas of the Presbytery.

The 1974 Spring Workshop for Church School and summer activities was held at Covenant Church on May 5 and 6. The workshop this time offered special help in music, art, drama, and media in addition to the regular courses.

Sarah Wilson,
Chairman

CAREER AND PERSONAL COUNSELING

The center at Queens is carrying on a full schedule. Adele Shields, Director, has met with the Christian Education Committee. An Open House was held at the center (located across the street from Belks Chapel) in September, 1973.

The Subcommittee announces that Adele Shields is available for any church that desires to know more about the services of the center. Its services are for adults and youth and through its tie-in with the center at St. Andrews, can offer a full range of services.

YOUTH MINISTRY

In the fall of 1973 there was a Training Workshop at Westminister Church. Six areas covering youth ministry were offered and participants were able to choose 3 out of 6. More than 200 people attended and the enthusiastic response was in part due to the broad offerings that met many different kinds of needs. There was a follow-up, two-day Recreation Workshop in the spring of 1974 with about 100 in attendance each day. This event was at Caldwell Church and was a response to needs expressed in the fall workshop.

Mecklenburg had 26 youth at the Synod Youth Conference at Peace College in 1973. From this conference and activities previously listed, a leadership group is emerging.

The Subcommittee is endeavoring to strengthen youth ministry in the Presbytery by offering training for leaders, retreats for youth, and participation by youth in planning and programs.

Judy Fletcher
Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the committee's report be adopted and that the programs proposed in the report be approved;

(2) That Mrs. Marie Stinson be heard briefly in connection with the Presbyterial Annual Report and to introduce the new Presbyterial President, Mrs. Ruth Topping;

(3) That the resignation of Mr. John McCaskill be called to the attention of the Personnel Committee;

(4) That the Presbytery's attention be called to the North Carolina Christian Education Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, June 21-27, 1974;

(5) That Presbytery take note of the retirement of Mrs. Virginia Jones and her impending departure from the office of Presbytery DCE, and further to express as a body our gratitude for her services and prayers and best wishes for her in her retirement.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND THANKS TO VIRGINIA HENDERLITE JONES FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE RENDERED

Today we come to honor one who has been a faithful servant of Mecklenburg Presbytery for 10 years. Virginia Henderlite Jones has made a great record and one that shall stand for a long time to come. Mrs. Jones (Virginia to those who work closely with her) came into office as a "temporary" staff person. For all these years she has been "temporary". We don't know if she is a temporary permanent staff member or permanent temporary staff member.

Regardless of her status those who have worked with Virginia know that she has applied herself to the task of Presbytery Director of Christian Education with diligence and faithfulness. She has kept us aware of Christian Education developments so that we have been able to offer training events, materials, and consultations in a variety of ways. She has represented us in Synod and General Assembly events. She has given services of consultation and leadership training to many of our churches. Among the educators of the Synod she has been a leader. She has been a diligent steward of responsibilities committed to her care.

In addition to faithfulness to her task Virginia has become endeared to us as a warm and constant friend. One of her personal traits is her delightful sense of humor. When situations become dull or boring Virginia would come to the rescue with her delightfully refreshing humor. Many times she helped us relax and do our job better. This special talent Virginia has used to help groups work more effectively. This talent has been truly used to the Glory of God.

On this 28th of May, 1974, we honor Virginia upon the occasion of her retirement and her forthcoming departure from the job.

Therefore be it resolved:

(1) That a copy of this resolution be entered into the Minutes of Presbytery.

(2) That the Christian Education Committee present tangible expression of commendation and gratitude at the appropriate time when she departs the office;

(3) That Presbytery stand in a vote of thanks and engage in a prayer of thanks for the services of Mrs. Virginia Jones and a prayer of blessing upon her as she enters retirement.

A motion was made and duly seconded to hear Mrs. Marie Stinson in connection with the Women of the Church of Mecklenburg Presbytery at the discretion of the Moderator. This motion was adopted.

The report of the Institutional Ministries Committee was made by J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, who introduced Thomas J. Nash, III, a member of the Committee. Mr. Nash, at the request of the Committee, presented a paper he had prepared on his investigation of prisons in the Mecklenburg Presbytery area (Mecklenburg, Union, Stanly, and Anson Counties). This paper was received as information, and the recommendations were adopted as amended.

1. This committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery strongly urges each minister to investigate the potential of Christian ministry in the area of the prisons and jails.
2. This committee also strongly urges that the ministers of local Presbyterian churches get to know and cultivate the friendship of the local prison administration, staff officials and inmates.
3. That Mecklenburg Presbytery in the future investigate the possibility of a full-time chaplaincy program in cooperation with other denominations.

A progress report of the Strategy and Research Committee was made by Robert J. James in the absence of the Chairman, Randolph Norton. Received as information.

The report of the Specialized Ministry Committee was presented by the Chairman, Friedrich Schilling, Jr. This report was received as information.

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was presented by the Chairman, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. The report was amended and adopted.

The Committee on Deployment and Sustentation is concerned that there is a need for some agency of Mecklenburg Presbytery, or the Presbytery itself, to have an accurate overview of financial help given to persons, causes, and churches who may be helped by any agency of Presbytery.

In an effort to meet this concern, the Committee on Deployment and Sustentation recommends:

1. That Mecklenburg Presbytery direct the office of the General Presbyter to devise a form to be completed by local church treasurers each quarter and forwarded to Presbytery's Treasurer of Benevolences recording the amounts and persons, causes or churches to whom funds have been sent directly.
2. That the General Presbyter hold these reports as information to be available to the Committees of Presbytery which have responsibility to aid persons, causes, or churches. The use of such reports will be to enable the Committees to see the overall response to need, and to make more intelligent use of the finances of Presbytery to meet the needs it confronts.
3. Following Presbytery's approval, the Session of each of its churches should be requested to direct its church treasurer to file such a report each quarter.

The report of the World Missions Committee was presented by the Chairman, Eldon D. Wadsworth and received as information.

Silas M. Vaughn, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, spoke about the Association and some of the Conferences to be held in Montreat this summer.

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M. The Special Order following lunch was the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, which was presented by Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman. The Candidate Division report was made by Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, and Presbytery took the following actions concerning this Division:

1. Noted the transfer on May 3, 1974 of Candidate Gerald B. Hurst, a Union Seminary Graduate, to the Presbytery of the Pines in order that he might be ordained and installed in the pastorate.
2. Voted to reinstate and enroll again as a Candidate Daniel Drew Robinson, a member of Carmel Church and a second year student at Louisville Seminary.

3. Received by Certificate of Transfer from Orange Presbytery and enrolled as a Candidate, after hearing his reaffirmation of vows, Gerald Steven Eller, a member of Myers Park Church.

The Chairman of the Transfer Division, John B. Rogers, Jr., presented Charles D. Elyea, Jr., Minister-elect of the Walkersville Church, and John R. MacKinnon, Director of Presbyterian Family Life Center, to be examined for reception into Presbytery.

These brethren made statements concerning their Christian experience. They were then examined on their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The floor was opened for questions. The examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Elyea was placed in his hands and by him accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for the terms of the call for Mr. Elyea. Mr. Elyea and Mr. MacKinnon were then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers, and the following Commission was appointed to install Mr. Elyea in the Walkersville Church:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL CHARLES D. ELYEA, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE WALKERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY JULY 21, 1974 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Zane M. Moore, To preach the Sermon.

Q. N. Huneycutt, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

A. M. Keith, Invocation.

Hal Key, Dedicatory Prayer (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

RULING ELDERS:

G. R. Pierce, (Monroe First) To deliver the charge to the Congregation.

Robert L. McCain (Walkersville), To extend the Welcome.

T. A. Biggers (Indian Trail) Scripture.

C. Franklin Jacks, Chairman of the Ordination Division, presented Candidate David Scott Lindsay, Assistant Minister-elect of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. Presbytery voted to approve as satisfactory the sermon delivered by Mr. Lindsay this morning as a part of the opening Worship Service. Mr. Lindsay was then examined as to his Christian experience and on his knowledge of theology, the sacraments, Church government and the English Bible. After questions from the floor, the examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Lindsay was placed in his hands and by him accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work for the terms of the call. The following Commission was appointed by Presbytery to install Mr. Lindsay.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL DAVID SCOTT LINDSAY AS ASSISTANT MINISTER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHARLOTTE, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

MINISTERS:

G. Carswell Hughs, To preside and to deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Robert J. James, To propound the Constitutional Questions and to lead in prayer.

Julian Lake, To preach the Sermon (to be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Friedrich Schilling, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Assistant Minister.

RULING ELDERS:

Joseph W. Grier, Jr. (Charlotte First).
Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First).
Charles R. Willard (Charlotte First).

The following Commission was appointed by Presbytery to install G. Eliot Dixon as Pastor of the Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dixon is a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL G. ELIOT DIXON AS PASTOR OF THE RIDGECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1974 AT 7:00 P.M.

MINISTERS:

E. L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

Henry S. Robinson, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

James Painter (Paw Creek), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

John Alvin Ritchie (Ridgecrest).

George O. Stovall (Albemarle First).

Presbytery adopted as SECOND READING to the Manual the following: "That Presbytery's Manual, Chapter IV, Section I on Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, be amended so as to increase the number of teaching elder members from six to nine thus bringing the membership from fifteen to eighteen." (See report of Personnel Committee for the additions to this Committee)

In accordance with action taken earlier in today's meeting of Presbytery, Mrs. Marie Stinson spoke in connection with the

Presbyterial Annual Report. Mrs. Stinson then introduced the new Presbyterial President, Mrs. Ruth Topping.

Roy W. Coker, Chairman of the Administrative Commission to Deal with the Unrest of the Locust Presbyterian Church, presented the Interim Report of the Commission. Presbytery voted to admit the report to the Minutes as follows:

> The Administrative Commission on the Locust Presbyterian Church has listened to all parties concerned and we have ourselves wrestled with the problems. After thoughtful discussions, we have formulated some actions that we hope will begin to bring peace and harmony. We then met separately with the Pastor, the Session and the Signers of the Memorial and outlined to them the actions that we felt they should undertake to relieve the tensions.
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> We see some encouraging signs that the Session is working to effect reconciliation.
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> The Commission continues to work with all parties concerned and covets the prayers of the Presbytery.

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, presented the report of the Task Force on Counseling, and his report was received as information.

The report of the Personnel Committee was made by the Chairman, George O. Stovall. The report was adopted.

Committee Replacements

Presbytery's Council

R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) Class of 1974, to replace James H. Barnhardt, resigned.

Christian Education Committee

Harold C. Smith (Caldwell Memorial), Class of 1974, to replace John M. McCaskill, resigned.

Specialized Ministry Committee

Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson), Class of 1975, to replace Harvey Poole, resigned.

Committee Additions

Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee

Ministers:
1974—J. K. Aiken, Jr.
1975—Warren G. Nance
1976—A. J. McKelway, Jr.

Presbytery took recess at 3:30 P.M. and reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

James E. Fogartie, Chairman of the Special Committee on Staff Priorities, presented the report of this Committee. Mr. Fogartie moved that this document be received as FIRST READING to the Manual. It was adopted.

The Office of General Presbyter
The Presbytery of Mecklenburg

Board Function

Presbytery shall elect a General Presbyter who shall seek to administer the total resources of Presbytery in the light of emerging needs. Presbytery may also elect Associates or Assistants in this office, who together with the General Presbyter, shall work for the ordering and promotion of all the business of Presbytery. The duties of such Associates or Assistants shall be clearly defined prior to their election. This office shall subsume the following titles and offices: Presbytery's Office, Stated Clerk, all treasurers of Presbytery, Executive Secretary, and such other offices which shall have operated in the total work of Presbytery in the past. These offices shall not necessarily become the prerogative of one person, but they shall be included in the one office of General Presbyter which shall be executed by the General Presbyter and staff as shall appear necessary.

The General Presbyter as Pastor

The very nature of the Office of General Presbyter requires that in a very real sense he shall be a pastor to Presbytery. The pastoral role, however, cannot be mandated, but must be earned by the General Presbyter as he responds to crisis needs and makes himself available for counsel. To further enhance this function, the General Presbyter will assist the Commission on the Minister in providing a ministry of pastoral care, and shall seek to develop a team of consultative persons to whom referral can be made in areas of specific needs.

The General Presbyter as Stated Clerk

The General Presbyter shall perform his duties as Stated Clerk according to the instructions of Presbytery and the **Book of Church Order.** He is the official medium of communication between Presbytery and other bodies or persons. In this capacity, his duties shall include the following:

a. Furnish and receive the annual reports of the churches.

b. Keep the roll of Presbytery and report on attendance of members at meetings of the Court.

c. Edit and cause to be printed the Minutes of each session of the Court, including called and adjourned meetings, mailing copies thereof to each minister and session in sufficient quantity, as well as to higher Courts and other repositories.

d. Prepare all papers of Presbytery and furnish such as may be required to higher courts.

e. Handle all official correspondence and certificates from or to the Presbytery.

f. Make available for study to representatives and members of Presbytery pertinent Divisional reports and recommendations which shall have been received in Presbytery's Office at least two weeks prior to each stated meeting.

g. Nominate to Presbytery a temporary clerk or clerks at each stated meeting who shall assist in keeping the Minutes.

h. Have custody of all records of Presbytery.

The General Presbyter as Staff Supervisor

The General Presbyter shall have general supervision of professional staff and clerical help in Presbytery's Office and shall be responsible for the efficient use of all personnel in the service of Presbytery. Specifically, the General Presbyter shall:

A. Serve as leader of the team composed of all members of Presbytery's staff.

B. Employ with the concurrence of the Council such clerical staff as shall appear necessary.

C. Oversee the work of the Treasurer for all funds of Presbytery and make such reports as shall be necessary. The Treasurer shall be elected by Presbytery on nomination of Council.

The General Presbyter as Communicator

a. The General Presbyter shall prepare an annual calendar of activities, conferences, retreats, rallies, camps, training opportunities, etc. for use by such persons and committees as shall be involved in publicity and promotion of Presbytery's Activities.

b. He shall serve as editor of the **Mecklenburg Presbyterian** accumulating and preparing materials for publication in such medium on a quarterly basis. In addition to this Presbytery publication may be added such other news releases as seem advisable in consultation with Presbytery's Council.

c. He shall release to all the news media such information as may be deemed appropriate or as he is instructed by Presbytery or its agencies.

d. The General Presbyter, since he is continually in close contact with the ministers and Sessions of the Presbytery may make an annual report to Presbytery on "The State of the Church".

e. The General Presbyter shall not only facilitate communication from the office of Presbytery, but shall be open to receive and share input from Presbytery's constituency and other judicatories.

The General Presbyter and Presbytery's Council

The General Presbyter is a member of the Council (ex-officio without vote) and is the principal staff resource to it. The General Presbyter is accountable to Presbytery's Council and through it to the entire Presbytery.

In the executive leadership role, the General Presbyter shall bring to the Council reports on the health of the Presbytery and is encouraged to submit proposals for policies, programs, initiatives, studies, reviews of existing programs, program revisions, etc.

The General Presbyter may expect that Council and Presbytery will give adequate consideration to such proposals and will assist him in thorough evaluation of such presentations.

General Remarks

A. In allocating time and energy, the General Presbyter should give an appropriate place to personal, family and civic interests.

B. This job description will be reviewed annually by Presbytery's Council and will be subject to revision according to the changing needs of Presbytery and the developing interests and abilities of the General Presbyter.

The General Presbyter and Presbytery's Committees

a. The General Presbyter shall coordinate and work with the Division of Court Operations in relation to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly agencies.

b. He shall assist the Divisions of Presbytery and their sub-committees in the projection and planning of Presbytery's work and arrange whatever details may be necessary to expedite these.

c. He shall assist in carrying out the plans and programs of the Divisions and other committees.

The General Presbyter and the Commission on the Minister

a. The General Presbyter shall serve as an advisory (not voting) member of the Commission on the Minister, and shall provide the resources of his Office as requested.

b. He shall maintain a list of those ministers available for pulpit supply. This list shall include retired ministers, ministers serving in administrative capacity, ministers in teaching positions, or otherwise maintained on the roll of Presbytery in non-pastoral duties. Presbytery's Office shall seek to fill requests for pulpit supply when received by the Commission on the Minister or when submitted directly to the Office of Presbytery.

c. The General Presbyter shall work with the Commission on the Minister as he seeks to develop his pastoral ministry to the minister members of Presbytery and with other church professionals. The Commission on the Minister shall in turn assist the General Presbyter in meeting pastoral responsibilities.

d. The General Presbyter shall play a major role in the orientation of new minister members and church professionals.

e. The office of General Presbyter shall play an enabling role in assisting the Commission on the Minister and vacant churches to find ministers who will be available and suitable to fit the particular situation, meet the Church's needs and the community demands.

The General Presbyter and Member Churches and Their Staffs

The General Presbyter and Presbytery's Staff should be visible in the life of the member churches. Improving the visibility of Presbytery's Office may be achieved in such ways as preaching, teaching, taking part in ceremonies, development of Presbytery's Office as a resource center—library or such other ways as may be developed by the General Presbyter and Presbytery's Committees.

Mr. Fogartie made the motion that the Special Committee on Staff Priorities be dismissed. Adopted.

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, presented the report of the Attendance Committee. It was incorporated in the Enrollment.

William D. Morton, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions. The report was adopted as amended.

Mecklenburg Presbytery, holding its 10th Stated Meeting in the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, this 28th day of May, 1974, gives thanks to our Heavenly Father for the beauty and comfort of the day. We rejoice in the spiritual enrichment of the worship service conducted by Rev. David Fletcher and the sermon by Mr. Scott Lindsay, "The Power of Forgiveness", on the Scripture I John 1:5-10. We are deeply grateful and indebted to the pastor, Rev. Kenneth P. Craig and congregation of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church for the warmth of our reception and the provision which has been made for our every need. Problems of parking and registration have been expeditiously handled. We have thoroughly enjoyed the delightful lunch of the famous Mallard Creek Church Barbecue so efficiently and graciously served. We received with regret notice of the retirement of our beloved fellow-workers, Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer, Dr. W. Gatewood Workman and Mrs. Virginia Jones. We wish them that same usefulness to the Kingdom of Christ in the future that they have been in the past. Especially do we commend our Moderator, Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr., for his rapid and capable conduct of Presbytery's business. Presbytery hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Rev. Robert J. James, our General Presbyter, for a year of efficient service and splendid leadership.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

There was a motion to adjourn, a second to this motion, and it was adopted. The Court stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. The Court stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 1974, in the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Jan., 1959	Biscoe Church	Rev. J. E. Wayland, Jr.
April, 1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Yandle
July, 1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept., 1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan. 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Fogartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.

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1975

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TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Willis I. Henderson, Chairman, 2435 Mecklenburg Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza) (Chm.)

1976—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)

1977—James Crews (Trinity)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers

1975—Russell M. Kerr (Chm.)
1975—Thornton W. Tucker
1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1976—Charles L. Kirby
1977—G. Carswell Hughs

Elders

1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)
1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1977—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
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Ministers

1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1975—Warren G. Nance
1976—W. G. Katibah, Jr.
1976—Charles C. Cowsert (Chm.)
1976—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—J. K. Aiken, Jr.

Elders

1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)
1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)
1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)
1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Rufus King (Providence)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)

2. Commission on the Minister

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Ministers	**Elders**
1975—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	1975—W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Kenneth P. Craig	1975—Glenn Hunt (Cook's Memorial)
1976—Zane M. Moore (Chm.)	1976—G. R. Pierce (Monroe First)
1976—Henry S. Robinson	1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)
1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth	1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Douglas W. Oldenburg	1977—Mrs. Howard Fesperman (Plaza)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Julius W. Melton, Jr., Chairman, Box 345, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers	**Elders**
1975—Robert O. Freeman	1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)
1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)	1976—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)
1977—Horace E. Stoessel	1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, Route 2—Box 350, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe (Chm.)	1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)
1976—Jennings B. Reid	1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1977—Edward C. Wilson	1977—

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)	1975—Anthony E. Abbott (Davidson College)
1975—M. B. Prince, III	1975—Ann Holder (Amity)
1976—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1976—William M. Edwards, II	1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
1976—R. Lee Nichols, Jr.	1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)
1976—R. Zach Thomas, III	1976—Roger Green (Albemarle First)
1977—Robert H. Teed	1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)
1977—Arthur S. Gatewood	1976—Mrs. H. B. Hrabanek (Providence)
1977—E. E. Washington	1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)
	1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)
	1977—Miss Ann Hopkins (Trinity)
	1977—Mrs. Charles Cowsert (Charlotte First)
	1977—Harold E. Smith (Caldwell Memorial)
	1977—Mrs. George B. Michie (Seigle Avenue)
	1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), Chairman, 1117 Greentree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1975—Thomas J. Nash, III
1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.
1977—Glenn B. Robinson

Lay Members

1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)
1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)
1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) (Chm.)

2. Research and Strategy

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1975—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1975—Fred R. Horner
1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1976—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1977—James E. Ratchford
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Lay Members

1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)
1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
1976—W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Ross Miller (Thomasboro)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman, 4019 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. (Chm.)
1975—George L. Ducker
1976—Lawrence I. Stell
1976—F. A. Mathes
1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III

Lay Members

1975—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College)
1975—Fred O. Brown (Philadelphia)
1976—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)
1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)

4. Specialized Ministry

William B. Ward, Chairman, 1000 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1975—Richard P. Shaw
1975—A. J. Morrison
1976—William B. Ward (Chm.)
1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.
1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1977—John R. MacKinnon

Lay Members

1975—Mrs. Don Kellam (Providence)
1975—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1975—Don Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1976—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1977—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)

5. World Missions

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman, 3501 Tuckaseegee Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1975—James W. Eller
1976—Earle D. Roberts
1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr. (Chm.)

Lay Members

1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)
1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Ave.)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

George O. Stovall, Chairman, 1314 North Sixth Street, Albemarle, N. C. 28001

Ministers

1975—Thomas W. MacLean
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1976—Roy W. Coker
1976—James W. Eller
1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Lay Members

1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M. D. (Forest Hill)
1975—George O. Stovall (Chm.) (Albemarle First)
1976—J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial)
1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence)
1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1211 Wachovia Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)
1976—Eugene P. Poe
1977—David E. Wilkinson

Lay Members

1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)
1976—Richard Givens (Albemarle First)
1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

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Ministers

1975—Earl R. MacCormac (Chm.)
1976—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
1977—Frank H. Caldwell

Lay Members

1975—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)
1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)
1977—Miss Bettie McEwen ((Philadelphia)

2. Worship

Robert S. Hough, Chairman, 6801 Monroe Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers

1975—Robert S. Hough (Chm.)
1976—J. David Fletcher
1977—D. Scott Lindsay

Lay Members

1975—G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Ave.)
1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)
1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

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1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)

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J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third

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Leonard H. Bullock	Thomasboro
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T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	
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F. A. Mathes	Huntersville
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah
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ROLL OF MINISTERS	**Church**
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J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
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Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
Arthur S. Gatewood	Albemarle First (Associate)
William B. Ward	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	Steele Creek (Associate)
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	
Robert H. Teed	Philadelphia (Associate)
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Julius W. Melton, Jr.	Admin. Davidson College
Robert Lee Nichols, Jr.	Avondale (Associate)
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Total Ministers **141**

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David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Margaret Barnes Peery, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

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Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

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Edmund Brooks Warren, Union Seminary, Covenant Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

The Eleventh
Stated Meeting of
Mecklenburg Presbytery

Forest Hill Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 24, 1974

The 11th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery convened in the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church on September 24, 1974 at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Horace H. Hilton, Jr.

The Worship Service was conducted by James A. Cannon, Chairman of the Worship Committee, and William G. Katibah, Jr., Host Pastor. Mr. Vernon H. Dodd, Candidate for Ordination, preached the opening sermon. The title of his sermon was: "Of Specks, Logs, and Boomerangs", based on Matthew 7:1-5.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, S. E. Barrett, J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, James N. Biggers, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, T. C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, E. O. Byrd, Jr., James A. Cannon, John A. Carriker, R. Thomas Cheely, Charles N. Clegg, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, W. M. Edwards, II, James W. Eller, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, James E. Fogartie, R. O. Freeman, Arthur S. Gatewood, Finley M. Grissett, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. W. Ligon, David Scott Lindsay, T. A. Little, Jr., R. Rod Love, John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, Tom W. MacLean, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, A. J. Morrison, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, R. Lee Nichols, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rodney C. Shoemaker, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, E. E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Sr., J. Ed. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson.

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MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: W. R. Otey, III, W. A. Dysard, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Neely McCarter.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Mrs. Melba Brawley, Miss Mary Gray, Miss Anne Hopkins, Mrs. Virginia Jones, Harold Smith, Miss Anne Vickers, Miss Jeannie Ogilvie, Miss Mary Dewitt Dukes.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, James H. Boyd; Albemarle Road, Jesse Powell; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, James J. Putman; Avondale, Watson C. Bearden; Badin, R. C. Hinkle; Benton Heights, J. T. Springs; Bethel, Lester Kelly; Caldwell Memorial, Alice Poteat; Calvary, J. W. Brown; Camden, Charlie Moore; Carmel, James R. Nisbet; Central Steele Creek, Ralph L. Young; Charlotte First, N. G. Speir, Roswell Mallory; Christ, G. E. Fleming; Clanton Memorial, Norman Furr; Cook's Memorial, Mrs. Carl H. Cooper; Cornelius, Rockwell L. Deaton; Covenant, Farrel F. Potts, Herbert E. Rupp, Hobart Walker, Richard H. Brooks; Davidson College, Malcolm Lester; East, Robert W. Whitesell; First Union, John Wood; Forest Hill, T. H. Chadwick, Jr.; Hickory Grove, Richard L. Wright; Hopewell, E. P. Somers; Huntersville, C. Herbert Smith; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Bruce E. Stinson; Johnston Memorial, Dan Lamon; Locust, Walter Welch; Mallard Creek, Alex S. Garrison; Marshville, Ben F. Parker; Matthews, Frank M. Renfrow; McGee, J. Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay, Charles R. Cloud; Memorial, James Johnston; Monroe First, Mrs. Ned Sell; Morven, Tom Whitley; Myers Park, Charles M. Marshall, Alfred O. Canon, R. A. Bigger, Jr., J. Norman Pease, Jr.; Newell, B. B. Prophet; Norwood, R. B. Winchester; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Pageland, Sammy Snipes; Paw Creek, A. G. Brown, Jr.; Philadelphia, H. B. Forbis, Jr., John M. McEwen; Plaza, Adrian E. Aman, Albert D. Leopold; Pleasant Hill, T. LaFontine Odom; Providence, Henry Niven; Quail Hollow, Herman Porter; Ramah, W. G. Barnhardt; Robinson, Louie F. Miller; St. Giles, Mrs. John Agnew; St. John, Mrs. Stewart E. Odham; Sardis, Paul E. Miller, Shem K. Blackley, Jr., J. A. Barrus; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Mrs. E. G. Cochrane; Sharon, U. S. Allee; Siler, James Laney; South Tryon, Luther Hopper; Steele Creek, Richard F. Bigham, Marcus E. Yandle; Stephenson, Guy D. Privette; Sugaw Creek, Robert Hartis, George Wrightman; Third, S. H. Long, Jr., J. W. Parnell, Jr.; Thomasboro, Harrill L. Gray, J. Bud Payne; Trinity, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Jr.; Turner, Parks McCorkle; Walkersville, Johnny Mosley; Waxhaw, H. D. McLaughlin; Westminster, Frank Robinson; Westover Hills, Sanford Grant; Williams Memorial, T. C. Chapman.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Salem, Ridgecrest.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Banks, W. H. Belk, Beulah, Lee Park, Hawley Memorial, Mulberry, Rehoboth, St. Andrews, Smallwood, Unionville, Wadesboro.

A quorum was declared present.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Dr. Malcolm Lester, Ruling Elder in the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was amended and adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Mr. Vernon H. Dodd
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, Dr. Malcolm Lester, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings) Warner L. Hall
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements by Host Pastor, William G. Katibah, Jr.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All new business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee
   (Last order before morning recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Research and Strategy Committee—Randolph Norton
   (Demographic Study—James Earhart) 10:30—Special Order
10. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr
    (Budget and Stewardship Report—T. W. Tucker)
11. Report of Commission on the Minister—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
12. Report of Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee—J. W. Melton, Jr.
13. Report of Task Force on Hunger—Mrs. Virginia Jones
    12:15-12:30 P.M.—Special Order
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
14. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Charles C. Cowsert (First Order after lunch)
15. Report of Interpretation Committee—Charles E. S. Kraemer
16. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly—Lawrence I. Stell
17. Commissions to be Appointed
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
18. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

An invitation from the Covenant Presbyterian Church for the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was accepted. The meeting is to be held on November 19, 1974.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made as follows:

Miss Donna Cook, Resource Specialist for the Synod of North Carolina, informed Presbytery of the materials available for viewing today, including the proposed **Book of Confessions** (available for sale today) from the Resource Center in Raleigh.

Charles Hunter made announcement concerning the Men's Rally to be held at Amity Church on October 8, 1974.

Fred Holder reported information about some of the Christian Education activities of the Presbytery.

James M. McChesney, Jr., Communications Coordinator for the GEB, Synod of North Carolina, offered the assistance of his office to churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The host pastor, William G. Katibah, Jr., extended a cordial greeting to those attending Presbytery and made a report for the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

G. Carswell Hughs, Chairman
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
C. L. Cheshire, Jr.
Carl T. Uzzell
Robert W. Rayburn
T. F. Odom (Pleasant Hill)
James Barrus (Sardis)
James H. Boyd (Albemarle)

RESOLUTIONS

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
J. Wendell Ligon
Glenn B. Robinson
A. G. Brown, Jr. (Paw Creek)
Robert Whitesell (East)
J. William Brown (Calvary)

TELLERS

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman
William M. Edwards, II
Robert E. Burnett
Basil Irwin (Steele Creek)
Ewell Somers (Hopewell)
Ralph Young (Central Steele Creek)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Glenn L. Hill
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Hobart Walker (Covenant)
John McEwen (Philadelphia)
Bruce Stinson (Indian Trail)

The communications were read by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismission of Robert Elton Smith, Jr., Westminster Presbytery, and Associate Minister-Elect of Sardis Church, and Neil Malcolm McMillan, Wilmington Presbytery, Minister-Elect of Selwyn Avenue Church.

2. Certificate of Dismissal for Vernon H. Dodd, Candidate under care of Westminster Presbytery, and Assistant-Minister-Elect of Hopewell Church.

3. Communication from the Session of the Locust Church that relates to two matters that are docketed for consideration later in the day. Both items may properly be presented when the matters to which they relate appear on the docket. The Stated Clerk moved that the communication be remanded to the Minister and Commissioner from the Locust Church.

4. Communication from Robert L. Smith, Ruling Elder (inactive) of the Locust Church, was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

5. The Minutes of Commissions to ordain and install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR DAVID SCOTT LINDSAY AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Commission met on June 16, 1974 at 11:15 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: G. Carswell Hughs, Chairman, Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Robert J. James and Julian Lake (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service). RULING ELDERS: Joseph W. Grier, Jr., C. R. Willard and Robert F. Stokes.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by G. Carswell Hughs. Robert F. Stokes was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading.

The Sermon was preached by Julian Lake on the topic, "The Agony and The Ecstasy".

Robert J. James stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

Mr. James propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. He then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the Holy Office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. Mr. James then declared that David Scott Lindsay had been regularly elected, Ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

A Charge to the Assistant Pastor was delivered by Friedrich Schilling, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by G. Carswell Hughs.

Following prayer and singing, the new Assistant Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert J. James.

Robert F. Stokes
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR CHARLES D. ELYEA, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE WALKERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1974 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on July 21, 1974 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman, Zane M. Moore, Q. N. Huneycutt, A. Merrell Keith and A. Hal Key (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service). RULING ELDERS: G. Dick Pierce, T. A. Biggers, Robert L. McCain.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. G. Dick Pierce was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. T. A. Biggers read the Scripture and A. Hal Key had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by Zane M. Moore on the topic/text: "The Faith We Long For"—Daniel 3:13-18.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Walkersville Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Charles D. Elyea, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Walkersville Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Q. N. Huneycutt.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by G. Dick Pierce.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Zane M. Moore.

G. Dick Pierce
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR G. ELIOT DIXON AS PASTOR OF RIDGECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1974 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Commission met on September 8, 1974 at 6:30 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, Robert J. James, Henry S. Robinson. RULING ELDERS: James Painter, John Alvin Ritchie, George O. Stovall.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by James Painter. Henry S. Robinson was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. George O. Stovall read the Scripture from Romans 2:12-16.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic, "Every Man's Religion".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Ridgecrest Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that G. Eliot Dixon had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Henry S. Robinson.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by James Painter.

Following prayer and singing, G. Eliot Dixon made a short response and pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Henry S. Robinson
Chairman

Charles C. Cowsert was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the November meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess at 10:30 A.M.

The Court reassembled at 10:45 A.M.

The Report of the Research and Strategy Committee was presented by the Chairman, Randolph Norton. As a Special Order of the Day, Mr. Norton gave a summary of the Earhart Study, "Mecklenburg 21—Demographic Study". This report was received as information, and its recommendations were adopted as amended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that Presbytery authorize its Research and Strategy Committee to oversee and recommend actions for the implementation of this study report.
2. It is recommended that Presbytery affirm the principle of cluster-

ing churches, and that Presbytery commend to the churches clustering as employed in this study.

3. That recommendation 1.5 on page 103 be referred to the Commission on the Minister.
4. That recommendation 2.1 on page 105 be referred to the Commission on the Minister and to the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee.
5. That recommendation 2.3 and 2.4 be referred to Presbytery's staff and to all committees of Presbytery.
6. That recommendations 3.1 through recommendation 4.14 (pages 106-108) be referred to Presbytery's Council.
7. That recommendations 5.1 through 6.3 (pages 108-109) be commended to all churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery for consideration.
8. That recommendations 7.1 through 94.2 (pages 110-118) with respect to each church of the Presbytery be considered prayerfully by the respective church, and that the Research and Strategy Committee obtain from each church its response to the respective recommendations affecting it.
9. That the minister, session, and diaconate of each church study the entire report with a view toward strengthening our Presbyterian system.

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, presented the report of Presbytery's Council which was adopted as follows:

1. **INFORMATION**

(1) It is encouraging to report an increase in benevolent giving by the churches of our Presbytery. At the end of August total benevolences had amounted to $571,755.71 (compared with $529,246.84 in 1973). This includes General Assembly Budgeted Benevolences $261,321.85 ($255,034.56) and Synod of North Carolina $165,564.34 ($157,107.93). We commend the diligence in the cause of Stewardship of the churches who have made this report possible.

(2) Presbytery's Business Fund, $66,116.19 (1973—$73,102.26). Letters of commendation have been mailed to churches who have paid their Business Fund in full, but we call to the attention of the whole Presbytery the urgent need for keeping these payments up to date in order to carry forward the work of the Presbytery. As of the first of September

52 paid in full
21 paid in part
15 have not paid

A listing of Business Fund receipts from churches will be included in the packet for the November meeting.

(3) The Nations Ford property has been placed in the hands of the Vinson Realty Company. It is on multiple listing for as long as possible under a standard contract. Up to this time there have been no prospects for a sale.

(4) The Budget Committee has carefully prepared a proposed budget for the 1975 Business Fund. The 1975 benevolent budget is being studied. All requests for funds are expected to be in the hands of the Committee by the first of October so that a realistic budget can be prepared for presentation to the Presbytery in November.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) That churches be urged to bring Business Fund remittances up to date as soon as possible.

(2) That the proposed Business Fund Budget for 1975 be adopted.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY BUSINESS FUND BUDGET

	1974		1975	
ANTICIPATED INCOME				
From Churches	$ 94,556.(1)		$101,937.(2)	
Yield from S. B. Alexander Fund	7,000.		6,000.	
Balance Forward	2,340.			
TOTAL INCOME	$103,896.		$107,937.	
NOTE: 1 (1974 Based on $2.68 per capita from 35,282 members)				
NOTE: 2 (1975 Based on $2.91 per capita from 35,030 members)				
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS				
I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	$ 35,988.	($1.02)	$ 33,278.	($ .95)
II. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA	19,405.	($ .55)	19,267.	($ .55)
III. MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY	48,504.	($1.11)	55,278.	($1.41)
A. Office of General Presbyter				
1. General Presbyter				
Salary	$ 11,000.		$ 12,200.	
Housing	3,900.		4,800.	
Utilities	800.		1,000.	
Furnishings	500.		500.	
Automobile Expense	2,800.		2,800.	
Ministers' Annuity Fund	2,280.		2,643.	
Hospitalization	446.		446.	
Disability Insurance	125.			
Study Allowance	200.		200.	
Social Security (½)			521.	
Administrative Assistant and Treasurer				
a) Administrative Assistant				
Salary	$ 7,200.		$ 8,000.	
Social Security	421.		468.	
Hospitalization	175.		166.	
Annuity	720.		800.	
b) Treasurer				
Salary	7,200.		8,000.	
Social Security	421.		468.	
Hospitalization	175.		166.	
Annuity	720.		800.	
3. **Office Expense**				
Postage, Materials	$ 2,320.		$ 3,000.	
Phone	1,000.		1,500.	
B. General Presbytery Expenses				
Expenses of Hosting Presbytery	1,000.		1,000.	
Printing & Mailing of Minutes	3,000.		3,500.	
Parking for Staff & Committees	600.		600.	
Discretionary Fund	1,200.		1,400.	
Assistant Clerk	300.		300.	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SYNOD, PRESBYTERY	$103,896.		$107,823.	

As a Special Order, Mrs. Virginia Jones, Chairman of the Task Force on Hunger, presented Mr. William B. McGuire, Jr., a Ruling Elder in the Myers Park Church, who spoke about the work being done in the Seigle Avenue-Earl Village Area by various groups, physicians in particular, and suggested ways of dealing with the hunger problem. This statement was received as information.

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M. The first order following lunch was the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, which was presented by Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman.

The Chairman of the Transfer Division, John B. Rogers, Jr., presented Robert Elton Smith, Jr., Westminster Presbytery, and Associate-Minister Elect of Sardis Church, and Neil Malcolm McMillan, Wilmington Presbytery, Minister Elect of Selwyn Avenue Church, to be examined for reception into Presbytery.

These brethren made statements concerning their Christian experience. They were then examined on their views on theology, the sacraments and church government. The floor was opened for questions. The examinations were sustained in parts and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Smith and Mr. McMillan were placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of these calls). Mr. Smith and Mr. McMillan were then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers, and the following Commissions were appointed to install Mr. Smith in the Sardis Church and Mr. McMillan in the Selwyn Avenue Church:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ROBERT E. SMITH, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

MINISTERS:

T. W. Tucker, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

James G. Stuart, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Lawrence I. Stell, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor.
R. Zach Thomas, III.

RULING ELDERS:

John C. Griffin (Sardis), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

L. Hunter Pharr (Sardis).

Mrs. W. T. Anderson (Sardis).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL NEIL MALCOLM McMILLAN AS PASTOR OF SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

John Vernon, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Glenn B. Robinson, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

John R. MacKinnon, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Alton M. Faires (Selwyn Avenue).
J. Reid Shoemaker (Charlotte First).
James H. Barnhardt (Covenant).
James B. Kuykendall, Jr. (Covenant).

C. Franklin Jacks, Chairman of the Ordination Division, presented Candidate Vernon Harold Dodd, Assistant Minister Elect of Hopewell Church. Mr. Dodd is a graduate of the University of Florida and Gordon-Conwell Seminary. Dr. Jacks stated that Mr. Dodd had met all the requirements for ordination, including his exegesis, which was approved by the Committee.

Presbytery voted to approve as satisfactory the sermon delivered by Mr. Dodd at the morning session. Mr. Dodd was examined on his Christian experience, his knowledge of theology, Church government and English Bible. The floor was opened for questions. The examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Dodd was placed in his hands and by him accepted. (See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of the call). The following Commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Dodd in the Hopewell Church on Sunday, October 13, 1974:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL VERNON H. DODD AS ASSISTANT MINISTER OF THE HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1974 AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

MINISTERS:

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

Richard P. Shaw, To deliver the Charge to the Assistant Minister.

RULING ELDERS:

Price Robinson (Albemarle Road), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Ewell Somers (Hopewell).

W. W. White (Williams Memorial).

The following motion was adopted:

> That Presbytery at this juncture in its life and mission reconsider its understanding of the Nature of Ordination and the Meaning of Call by referring this matter to the Interpretation Committee for an indepth study of what has transpired in the field of ministry, what the General Assembly is recommending, what is the practice in other presbyteries, and what should be the judgment of this court concerning these doctrines.

Presbytery took recess at 3:00 P.M.

The Court reassembled at 3:15 P.M.

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Candidate Division of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, reported for this Division. Recommendations 1-3 of this report were adopted as amended.

1. That Presbytery be informed of the Committee's plan, as in previous years, to entertain all candidates and their spouses or friends at a Christmas Dinner at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Monday, December 30, 1974.
2. That Mecklenburg Presbytery strongly encourage all its Candidates to attend Presbyterian Church in the United States supported seminaries (Austin, Columbia, Louisville, Union in Richmond,) and that priority for financial support be given to those Candidates attending these institutions.
3. That in order to fully satisfy the spirit and purpose of BCO, Chapter 24 Section 3, presbytery urge all ministers and Sessions to refer all potential candidates to the Presbytery's committee as soon as initial interest of members for entering the ministry is discovered.

The Court then proceeded to the consideration of Recommendation 4 of Mr. Topping's report: "That the name of Robert Wilson of Locust Church be removed from the Roll of Candidates of Mecklenburg Presbytery."

After debate, this recommendation was adopted by Presbytery. Leonard Bullock and French B. O'Shields, Jr., requested that their vote be recorded in the negative because they felt that insufficient evidence had been presented to the Court for removing Robert Wilson's name from the Roll of Candidates of Mecklenburg Presbytery. This request was granted.

After taking action on Recommendation 4, Charles Cowsert offered to present additional information concerning efforts of the Candidates Committee to assist Mr. Wilson.

Following the presentation by Dr. Cowsert, a motion was adopted to reconsider the action taken by Presbytery with regard to the removal of Robert Wilson's name from the Roll of Candidates of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A motion was adopted that the Court go into Executive Session.

After lengthy debate of various proposals, the original motion "That the name of Robert Wilson of Locust Church be removed from the Roll of Candidates of Mecklenburg Presbytery" was adopted.

Leonard Bullock and French B. O'Shields, Jr. requested that their negative vote to Recommendation 4 be recorded.

A motion was made that Presbytery instruct the Chairman of the Candidates Division to express to Mr. Wilson its genuine concern for his well being and happiness in the future pursuit of his studies for the Gospel Ministry. There was a second to this motion and it was adopted.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, together with its recommendations was adopted, as amended, as a whole.

The Moderator ruled that the Court was no longer in Executive Session.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. This report was amended and adopted.

Since the May 28, 1974 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister has met on June 20, 1974 and September 19, 1974. Matters coming before those two meetings which should be reported to Presbytery are shown below:

From the meeting of June 20, 1974

1. Approved request from the W. H. Belk Church that the Rev. Robert O. Freeman serve as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro tem of Session for month of July.
2. Approved request from Sharon Church that the Rev. Robert Turner serve as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro tem of the Session for a period of three months, beginning July 1, 1974.
3. Approved the request of the Rev. Richard C. Brand, Jr. that the Associate Pastor relationship between him and the Trinity Church be dissolved, effective August 10, 1974, in order that he might accept the call to become pastor of the St. Stephens Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas and that a letter of transfer be sent to Brazos Presbytery.

From the meeting of September 19, 1974

1. A motion passed that we join with the Sub-Committee on Examination for Ordination of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee requesting that "Presbytery at this juncture in its life and mission reconsider its understanding and the Nature of Ordination and the Meaning of Call by referring this matter to the Interpretation Committee for an in depth study of what has transpired in the field of ministry, what the General Assembly is recommending, what is the practice in other Presbyteries, and what should be the judgment of this court concerning these doctrines." In accordance with Para. 21-2 B.C.O., it is the understanding of the Commission that all requests for Ordination such as those provided for in Para. 27-2 B.C.O. should come to the attention of the Presbytery through the Commission on the Minister by virtue of Para. 21-2 B.C.O.
2. The terms of the call of the Session of the Hopewell Church to Mr. Vernon Harold Dodd to serve as Assistant Minister have been found in order at our April 18, 1974 meeting. (If necessary, the

Furnishings Allowance should be made to conform to the IRS Regulations). We recommend that the call be placed in his hands, subject to satisfactory examination and approval by Presbytery and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$8,500.00 (Of which $3,000 designated as Furnishings Allowance)
Car Allowance	1,000.00
Full M.A.F.	
Hospital Insurance for Minister and Family	
Disability Insurance (for first year)	
Free use of Manse	
One month vacation	
Moving Expense	

3. The terms of the call of the Sardis Church to the Reverend Mr. Robert E. Smith, Jr. as Associate Minister were found in order. (If necessary, the Furnishings Allowance should be made to conform to the IRS Regulations). The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$10,200.00
Furnishings Allowance—$2,000 of the above cash remuneration be designated for Furnishings Allowance	
Auto Expense Allowance — annual	1,500.00
Housing Allowance — annual	3,600.00
Utilities Allowance — annual	1,000.00
Education Allowance — annual	300.00
Full participation in Ministers' Annuity Fund	
Major medical & hospital coverage for the Associate and his family	
One month vacation annually	
Two weeks study leave annually	
All moving expenses	

4. The terms of call of Selwyn Avenue Church to the Reverend Dr. Neil M. McMillan were found in order with the exception of the wording in items f., g., & h. These should read: (f.) Full participation in Ministers' Annuity Fund, (g.) Major Medical and Hospital coverage for the Minister and his family, (h.) An Amount Equal to Social Security Tax. (If necessary, the Furnishings Allowance should be made to conform to the IRS Regulations). The Commission recommends that the call be found in order, subject to these changes, and that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are as follows:

a. Salary	$12,000.00
b. Utilities	1,200.00
c. Auto Allowance	2,800.00
d. Professional Allowance	200.00
e. Book Allowance	200.00
f. Annuity Contribution (Note 1)	2,208.00
g. Group Insurance	446.00 (Est.)
h. Social Security Tax	1,042.00 (Est.)
i. Use of Manse at 3135 Clarendon Rd. (Note 2)—(or alternate plan for minister to buy home)	
j. One month paid vacation & two weeks paid study leave	
k. Moving expenses from Wilmington, N. C. to Charlotte	

5. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation

of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, the Commission recommends that the relationship of the Reverend Dr. James E. Fogartie as Minister be dissolved, effective October 1, 1974, in order that he might accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, S. C. and that a letter of transfer be sent to the Presbytery of Enoree.

6. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation of the Providence Presbyterian Church, the Commission recommends that the relationship of the Reverend Mr. Friedrich Schilling, Jr. as Pastor be dissolved, effective September 23, 1974 in order that he might accept the call of the Beckley Presbyterian Church, Beckley, West Virginia and that a letter of transfer be sent to the Presbytery of Greenbriar.

7. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation of the Benton Heights Presbyterian Church, the Commission recommends that the relationship of the Reverend Mr. R. Rodney Love as Pastor be dissolved, effective October 1, 1974, in order that he might continue his studies at St. Andrews, Scotland and that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for a period of one year.

8. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the Session of the Sharon Presbyterian Church, the Commission recommends that the relationship of the Reverend Mr. William C. Rhodes, Jr as Assistant Pastor be dissolved, effective September 15, 1974, in order that he might accept the call of the Third Creek Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, N. C. and that a letter of transfer be sent to the Presbytery of Concord.

9. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the Session of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church, the Commission recommends that the relationship of the Reverend Mr. James P. Knight as Assistant Pastor be dissolved, effective September 30, 1974, in order that he might accept the call of the Cooleemee Presbyterian Church, Cooleemee, N. C. and that a letter of transfer be sent to the Presbytery of Concord.

10. We would remind all presbyters that churches which wish to change the terms of their calls are required to have the changes approved by Presbytery. We would further remind all presbyters of the proper blank forms which were sent to all ministers and/or clerks of Session by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Pastoral Oversight and Ministers' Health, the Reverend Kenneth Craig, on August 18, 1974. We would request Churches to use these forms and furnish all information requested in asking for Presbytery's approval of changes for ministers and in reporting changes for Christian Educators.

11. We would report that a helpful seminar on "The Multiple Church Staff" was sponsored by the Commission on the Minister on September 10, 1974 at the Covenant Church. Dr. Sara Little led the seminar. A total of 61 workers attended, including 21 Senior Ministers, 13 Associate or Assistant Ministers, 17 Christian Educators, 3 Directors of Music, 4 Secretaries, and 3 other related persons. Plans are under consideration for an appropriate follow-up of this seminar.

12. The Commission approved the following supplies:

    The Reverend Dr. William M. Boyce—Interim Supply for the Memorial Presbyterian Church for the month of October.

    The Reverend Dr. John Smylie—Interim Supply for Sharon Presbyterian Church for September, October and November or until a minister is called.

    The Reverend Dr. C. E. S. Kraemer—Interim Supply Preacher for Myers Park Presbyterian Church for a period of Twenty-six (26) weeks beginning October 13, 1974.

The Reverend Mr. Robert O. Freeman—Interim Supply for Belk Presbyterian Church for October, November and December. This is on a half-time basis.

The Reverend Mr. Robert C. Benson—Stated Supply for the Beulah Presbyterian Church for the year 1975.

13. Adopted a plan for distributing the new Personal Information Forms (approved by GEB July 28, 1974) to ministers of the Presbytery. The Chairman was asked to make an announcement concerning the forms to the present meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee, of which J. W. Melton, Jr., is Chairman, was deferred until the November Meeting of Presbytery.

The report of Commissioners to the General Assembly was made by Lawrence I. Stell. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At a meeting of the Commissioners from Mecklenburg Presbytery during the meeting of the General Assembly by a doubtful political procedure, Lawrence Stell was designated as the compiler and writer of the report of the Commissioners to Presbytery. Under that clouded directive, the following report is presented for the Commissioners whose names are attached.

We wish to express our gratitude:

1. To Presbytery for the privilege of serving as Commissioners to this General Assembly where so many important issues were studied.

2. For the solidity of the Presbyterian Church, U. S as evidenced by the spirit of seeking to do the will of God, and, to that end of listening to each other in the expectation of finding further guidance.

3. For the development of the new organization of the work of the General Assembly, especially as evidenced in the General Executive Board. We are particularily impressed by the opportunity for the Commissioners to be involved each year in the determination of Goals for the General Assembly, and selection of strategies by which goals already selected may be worked out.

We wish to register:

1. Our pride in one of our own number, the retiring Moderator, C. E. S. Kraemer, for the way in which he served as Moderator, and for the fine report of his stewardship of that office. (With his customary modesty, Dr. Kraemer concurs with this judgment!).

2. Our joy in the election of Dr. Lawrence Bottoms as Moderator. He is a dedicated Christian and churchman, who with devotion to God—and with humor in his view of himself and of us—began his year as Moderator with superlative service.

We ask Presbytery:

1. To take seriously the study of:

a. **The Book of Confessions.** This was sent for study. We believe it appropriate for Presbytery to urge each Session to study all that is involved, and open such studies to the membership of the Church. We believe Presbytery would do well to devote some time early in the year to the matter also—that it might encourage the study in the particular churches.

b. **The Plan of Union.** This was also sent down for study and comment. We feel that each local congregation, through its Session, should have time and opportunity to study this document and make comment to the committee for refinement and amendment.

c. **The Paper on Guidelines in the Church's Use of Her Ordained Ministry.** This paper was adopted in part and sent for further study. It proposes some far reaching changes in our procedure and relationships between churches and the ordained ministry. Surely study and comment to the committee from local churches would be appropriate.

d. Paper on **Amnesty.** This paper was ordered sent for study, with a statement to balance the views presented. This issue will not go away by ignoring it. We recommend study of the paper.

e. Paper on **Universalism.** Here again is a study of an important issue which should be studied carefully.

We report to Presbytery concerning an overture sent from this Presbytery concerning the G. E. B. and political coalitions. This overture was answered in two ways. The Assembly directed G. E. B. that whenever over one-third of its members opposed joining any coalition, G. E. B. must report to the G. A. first and seek its explicit authority to join such a coalition. With less opposition, G. E. B. may join and then report to the Assembly its action. In further answers to our overture (and others), the Assembly directed explicity that the Washington Office was to express only the positions taken by the General Assembly.

We register our concern over:

1. The amount of paper work sent to Commissioners for their study. We hope this was an exceptional year, with both the **Book of Confessions** and the **Plan of Union** in addition to the usual reports and papers. But we are convinced from our experience this year that the Commissioners are asked to do an impossible job to familiarize themselves with this volume of work.

2. The amount of work to be considered during the Assembly. This is of course keyed to our concern just stated. So much work makes for slipshod decisions.

3. The report of the General Executive Board and the Committee system during the General Assembly. Each report from the G. E. B. and the other agencies was considered by not less than three committees—and no committee was responsible for reviewing the whole report even of one division of G. E. B.! Surely some provision must be made for overall review of a report. If necessary, we urge Presbytery to overture the G. A. to review its procedures to demand an overall review of all reports by one responsible group. We recognize it is a thorny problem—and perhaps the Pemanent Committee on Assembly Operations is studying the matter and will come up with an answer. We feel it is a most serious problem and must be studied by the General Assembly and solved.

In closing, we note with delight that the next meeting of the General Assembly will be in Charlotte with Myers Park Church and Queens College as joint hosts. We recommend that Presbytery urge each other Church to offer assistance in the support work for such a meeting.

Commissioners

MINISTERS:	ELDERS:	CHURCHES:
Charles E. S. Kraemer	Donald G. Helms	Indian Trail
Marcus B. Prince, III	T. LaFountine Odom	Pleasant Hill
T. W. Tucker	Austin C. Thies	Selwyn Avenue
Roy W. Coker	Miss Mable Todd	Sugaw Creek
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Ernest G. Davis	Thomasboro
James W. Eller	Jessie Powell	Albemarle Road
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Joe Hudson	Providence
Lawrence I. Stell	Mrs. Sara Wright	Hickory Grove

YOUTH DELEGATE:

James Craig Butler (Amity)

Presbytery received as information the report of the Interpretation Committee concerning a planned study of the proposed Book of Confessions, and adopted the following recommendation:

That the job description for the office of General Presbyter and the job description for the Associate in Christian Education be approved as printed in the Minutes of the 10th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, May 28, 1974.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by G. Carswell Hughs, Chairman. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures at this meeting of Presbytery was a communication from Elder Robert L. Smith (inactive) of the Locust Presbyterian Church requesting certain actions by the Presbytery. From Minutes of the 8th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery—Nov. 27, 1973. "At the November 27, 1973 meeting of Presbytery, an Administrative Commission with the full authority of Presbytery was appointed to visit the local congregation, to investigate the causes complained of, and to take such actions as might be necessary which would tend to restore peace and harmony to that congregation."

That Committee has not yet reported to Presbytery.

Since the communication from Mr. Smith has to do with matters now before that Commission, it appears to the Committee on Bills and Overtures that the communication by Mr. Smith should be referred to the Administrative Commission for their consideration and response.

We recommend, therefore, the referral of the communication of Ruling Elder Robert L. Smith (inactive) to the Administrative Commission, the Reverend Roy W. Coker, Chairman, and the informing of Mr. Smith of this action.

G. Carswell Hughs, Chairman

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman, presented the report of the Attendance Committee. It is incorporated in the Enrollment.

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions. This report was adopted.

"Mecklenburg Presbytery expresses its deepest appreciation to the Session and members of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church for providing a beautiful and comfortable place of meeting.

We praise God for the strong witness of this church in our teeming city, in the Presbytery, and "unto the uttermost parts".

For your gracious hospitality and your efficient service we extend to you, the pastor, the officers, the women of the church, and all members our grateful thanks. We enjoyed a bountiful lunch, and the refreshments provided throughout the day.

We commend Dr. Malcolm Lester for the fair and gracious manner in which he moderated this meeting.

We pray that God's will has been done this day."

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the

Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

There was a motion to adjourn, a second to this motion, and it was adopted. The Court stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer. The Court stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 1974 in the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twelfth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 19, 1974

The Twelfth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery convened in the Covenant Presbyterian Church on November 19, 1974 at 9:00 A.M. The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Malcolm Lester.

The Opening Worship Service was led by Burns W. Stuart and Robert S. Hough. Dr. Lester, the Moderator, delivered the Message entitled "Approving The Excellent", based on Philippians 1:9-11.

The Moderator opened the business portion of the Meeting with prayer.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Ruling and Teaching Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Steven E. Barrett, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Laura Buzard, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, John A. Carriker, M. A. Cochrane, Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Cunningham, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, James W. Eller, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., Leighton Ford, J. S. Garner, Arthur S. Gatewood, Finley M. Grissett, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Charles L. Kirby, Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, Tom A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, F. A. Mathes, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, A. G. McInnis, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, R. Lee Nichols, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, W. Rush Otey, III, H. Louis Patrick, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., E. P. Poe, M. B. Prince Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Carl T. Uzzell, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. David Fletcher, R. E. Burnett, J. K. Aiken, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., C. L. Cheshire, Jr., J. R. MacKinnon, J. P. Arnold, Horace H. Hilton, Jr.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, J. H. Boyd; Albemarle Road, Ed McCoy; Amay James, Lewis Price; Amity, Mrs. Margaret Parker; Avondale, J. E. W. Clark; Badin, Jerry M. Hudson; Banks, Roy Carter; W. H. Belk, Sam Teleshak; Bethlehem, Hugh Harper; Caldwell Memorial, Shirlene Regehr; Calvary, W. E. Hastings; Camden, Miss Lillian Currie; Carmel, Roy Beatty; Central Steele Creek, Charles F. Blackwelder; Charlotte First, R. E. Stokes, Mrs. Marjorie Speir; Christ, W. M. Burch; Clanton Memorial, Allen W. Estridge, Jr., Cooks Memorial, Crosby A. Dunn; Covenant, J. Leon Moore, Walter E. Love, Jr., Kenneth R. Harris, Herbert E. Rupp; Davidson College, Malcolm Lester; East, Russell H. Adkins; First Union, A. D. Morgan; Forest Hill, William S. Buchanan; Hopewell, C. W. Kidd, Sr.; Huntersville, C. Herbert Smith; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, T. A. Biggers; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Paul Allen; Mallard Creek, J. E. Kirk; Marshville, Ben F. Parker; Matthews, Don R. Cofer; McGee, J. Ross Kistler; McQuay, C. A. Cross; Memorial, Ross Hendrix; Monroe First, G. Dick Pierce; Mulberry, Robert P. Alexander; Myers Park, J. Robert Covington, Charles M. Marshall, Alfred Canon, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, J. D. Watkins; Norwood, Frank H. Storey; Oakboro, Mrs. William Champion; Pageland, John B. Mangum; Paw Creek, Robert L. Killian; Plaza, Frederick A. Phillips, W. R. Campbell; Philadelphia, John M. McEwen, J. B. Bigham; Pleasant Hill, Robert K. Capps; Providence, Joe R. Hudson; Quail Hollow, Charles Crowder; Ridgecrest, Gareth D. Smith; Robinson, L. F. Miller; St. Giles, Wm. L. Carroll; St. John, Stewart E. Odham; Sardis, Ed Walker, E. C. York, Jr.; Seigle Avenue, Summers Tarlton; Selwyn Avenue, D. H. Kimbrell, Mrs. E. G. Cochrane; Sharon, Kenneth R. Beaty; Siler, W. P. Weeks; South Tryon, Luther B. Harper; Steele Creek, Robert Stilwell, M. E. Yandle; Stephenson, Tommy Joe Haywood; Sugaw Creek, William T. Mauney, George E. Wightman; Thomasboro, James Q. Wray, J. Earl Sifford; Trinity, Mrs. Lacy S. Sellars, Adelaide Davis; Turner, George W. Simpson; Walkersville, Johnny Mosley; Waxhaw, J. W. Collins; Westminster, W. Frank Robinson; Westover Hills, Charles Hickman; Williams Memorial, J. W. Zimmerman, Jr.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Matthews, Salem, Ramah.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Benton Heights, Cornelius, Beulah, Lee Park, Morven, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, New Salem, Rehoboth, St. Andrews, Smallwood, Third, Unionville, Wadesboro, Bethel.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Miss Ruth Farrior, Miss Ann Vickers, Mrs. Virginia Jones, Harold Smith.

A quorum was declared present.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Charles C. Cowsert, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket. It was amended and adopted as follows:

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Malcolm Lester
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator—Charles C. Cowsert, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee)—Warner L. Hall
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—Douglas W. Oldenburg
6. Appointment of Standing Committees
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
    RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—PART I Charles C. Cowsert (First Order After Recess)
10. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr
    (Report of Budget and Finance Committee—T. W. Tucker)
11. Report of Locust Church Administrative Commission—Roy W. Coker
12. Report of Commission on the Minister—E. L. Daniel, Jr.
13. Report of World Missions Committee—Eldon D. Wadsworth
14. Report of Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee—J. W. Melton, Jr.
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
15. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—PART II Charles C. Cowsert (First Order After Lunch)
16. Report of the Division of Court Operations
    1. Personnel Committee—George O. Stovall
    2. Court Meetings Committee—Warner L. Hall
    3. Interpretation Committee—Charles E. S. Kraemer
    4. Worship Committee—James A. Cannon
    5. Evaluation and Review—Lewis W. Bledsoe
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
17. Commissions to be Appointed
18. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The host pastor, Douglas W. Oldenburg, extended a cordial welcome to all those attending Presbytery, and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Malcolm Lester, Chairman (Davidson College)
Charles L. Kirby
William B. Ward
Mrs. Marjorie Speir (Charlotte First)
Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
C. Herbert Smith (Huntersville)

RESOLUTIONS

James W. Eller, Chairman
Fred R. Horner
W. Rush Otey, III
W. T. Crowder (Third)
Stewart Odham (St. John)

TELLERS

Robert Lee Nichols, Jr., Chairman
Arthur S. Gatewood
Rodney C. Shoemaker
J. M. Hudson (Badin)
Ken Beatty (Sharon)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
W. G. Nance
R. Zach Thomas, III
Mrs. Linda Champion (Oakboro)
J. E. Kirk (Mallard Creek)
Roy Beaty (Carmel)

The Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismission for James H. McKinnon, Jr. from Wilmington Presbytery—Minister-Elect of Sharon Church, and for Kenneth E. Woodard from Wilmington Presbytery—Minister-Elect of the Newell Church.

2. The Minutes of Commissions to Ordain and/or Install Ministers were found in order, and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR VERNON HAROLD DODD AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on October 13, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman; Robert J. James, Richard P. Shaw. RULING ELDERS: Price Robinson, Ewell Somers and W. W. White.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. Ewell Somers was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. W. W. White read the Scripture and Ewell Somers had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic/text: "Every Man's Religion"—Romans 2:12-16.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Hopewell Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Vernon Harold Dodd had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Richard P. Shaw.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Price Robinson.

Following prayer and singing, the new Assistant Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Richard P. Shaw.

Ewell Somers
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR NEIL M. McMILLAN AS PASTOR OF SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on October 27, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman; Glenn B. Robinson, John R. MacKinnon and John Vernon (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service). RULING ELDERS: Alton M. Faires, J. Reid Shoemaker, and James H. Barnhardt.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. James H. Barnhardt was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. John Vernon read the Scripture and preached the sermon on the topic, “Maintaining The Spiritual Glow”.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Selwyn Avenue Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Neil M. McMillan had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Glenn B. Robinson.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by John R. MacKinnon.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Glenn B. Robinson.

James H. Barnhardt
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT E. SMITH, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on October 27, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: T. W. Tucker, Chairman; Lawrence I. Stell, R. Zach Thomas, III, James G. Stuart (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service). RULING ELDERS: John C. Griffin, L. Hunter Pharr, Mrs. W. T. Anderson.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Lawrence I. Stell. R. Zach Thomas, III was elected Secretary of the Commission. James G. Stuart closed with prayer after the Commission voted to entrust the approval of the Minutes to T. W. Tucker and R. Zach Thomas, III.

During worship, the Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. James G. Stuart read the Scripture.

The Sermon was preached by James G. Stuart on the text: I John 4:13-21.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Sardis Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. R. Zach Thomas, III had the installation prayer. The members of the Commission then gave the new Associate Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Robert E. Smith, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Sardis Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Lawrence I. Stell.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by John C. Griffin.

Following singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

R. Zach Thomas, III
Secretary

As a personal privilege, Eugene P. Poe expressed appreciation to the Court for all the kindnesses shown to him during his recent illness.

A Resolution was presented to Presbytery by W. B. H. Corkey. The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Charles A. Hunter, a Ruling Elder in the Forest Hill Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination by acclamation for the February 25, 1975 Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess at 10:15 A.M.

The Court reconvened at 10:30 A.M.

The First Order after Recess was the consideration of Part I of the Report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee; the Report of the Candidates Division which was made by Leonard W. Topping, Chairman.

This Committee recommended that Edmund Brooks Warren and Zeb Crawford Long, having fulfilled requirements and having been approved by the Committee, be admitted to examination by Mecklenburg Presbytery as Candidates under its care.

Presbytery proceeded with the examinations. Mr. Warren and Mr. Long made statements concerning their Christian Experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These statements were sustained as satisfactory, and Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Warren and Mr. Long as Candidates for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Constitutional Questions were asked by the Moderator and answered in the affirmative by Mr. Warren and Mr. Long. A charge was delivered to the Candidates by Douglas W. Oldenburg and G. Carswell Hughs led the Presbytery in prayer. The Moderator declared that Edmund Brooks Warren and Zeb Crawford Long were Candidates under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and pronounced the benediction.

The Report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, Russell M. Kerr.

Since the last meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Council has begun a serious study of the "Mecklenburg 21" Report seeking ways that proposals can help toward a more purposeful and efficient operation of Presbytery.

The Council is also seeking ways to acquaint the Presbytery with the work and personnel of the GEB and Management Council, and to discover ways that the work of Presbytery's Council can be more closely related to members of Presbytery and local churches.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Presbytery express appreciation to all churches that have responded to the appeal to bring the Business Fund contributions up to date and urge all churches to complete payment by December 31.
2. That the Presbytery express appreciation to the Research and Strategy Committee for its diligence in interpreting the "Mecklenburg 21" Report, and that the report be commended to all Sessions for study and implementation at the local level.
3. That the house at 210 Gardner St. (unused manse at Smallwood) be sold and the proceeds held in escrow for a project at Smallwood currently under development by the Smallwood Congregation and the Specialized Ministry Committee.
4. That the proposed Budget for 1975 be approved.

In connection with the report of Presbytery's Council, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, presented to Presbytery a proposed amendment to the 1975 Benevolence Budget:

1. That Presbytery approve an appropriation of $4,000 (matching Funds) to Amay James Church for 1975, and an appropriation of $5,000 for each of the next three years for the Indian Trail Church.
2. That Quail Hollow request for a 3 year challenge grant be placed in Council's Contingency Fund until the Deployment and

Sustentation Committee has had more time to study the program of the Quail Hollow Church.

As a part of the report of Presbytery's Council, the report of the Budget and Finance Committee was presented by the Chairman, T. W. Tucker. This report, as amended, was adopted.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY BENEVOLENCE BUDGET
1975

From Churches		$902,608
From Interest on Restricted Funds		
(1) Chas. Boyd Estate (For Deployment and Sustentation)	$ 3,000	
(2) Camp Stewart Fund For Christian Education)	4,800	
(3) Samuel P. Alexander Fund For Pre-Ordination and Examinations)	400	8,200
		$910,808

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS

General Assembly	(100% Asking)	(42.8%)	$390,000
Synod	(100% Asking)	(32.4%)	294,600
Presbytery		(24.8%)	226,208
TOTAL		(100.0%)	$910,808

PROPOSED PRESBYTERY DISBURSEMENTS

I. COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER			$ 3,000
A. Operating Expenses		$ 1,000	
B. Discretionary Fund		2,000	
II. COUNCIL			$37,400
A. Operating Expense		500	
B. Contingency Fund (Resource for all Committees) (Quail Hollow-Conditional) 3 year Challenge Grant)		25,000	
C. Insurance		1,400	
D. Taxes		2,500	
E. Maintenance		2,000	
F. Stewardship Promotion		500	
G. Mecklenburg Presbyterian		5,000	
H. Travel—Special Committees		500	
III. COURT MEETINGS			$ 265
A. Taping Meetings		$ 140	
B. Supplies		50	
C. Upkeep of Equipment		75	
IV. DEPLOYMENT AND SUSTENTATION			$ 87,000*
A. Sustentation to Churches		$57,500	
B. Extension Work		28,500	
Pleasant Hill	$16,000		
Turner	3,500		
Amay James (For 1975)	4,000		
Indian Trail (Conditional 3 year Challenge Grant) (For 1975, 1976, 1977)	5,000		
C. Contingency Fund		1,000	

(*Income from Chas H. Boyd Estate
to be applied against total)

V. INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES			$ 21,166
A. Hospital Chaplain		$ 6,768	
B. Hospital Secretary		3,137	
C. Hospital Visitors		4,450	
D. Campus Worker		4,081	
E. Prison Ministries		1,400	
F. Supplies & Materials		1,330	
VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			$ 28,557*
A. Operating Expense		$ 300	
B. Associate in Christian Education		12,787	
Salary	$ 9,250		
Auto Allowance	1,200		
Annuity	1,075		
Continuing Education	300		
Hospitalization	441		
Social Security	521		
C. Office Expenses		350	
D. Children's Work		600	
E. Youth Work		1,700	
F. Adult Work		1,100	
G. Career — Personal Counseling		200	
H. Leadership Education		6,000	
I. Camping & Retreats		5,520	
(*Income from Camp Stewart Fund to be applied against total)			
VII. PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS			$ 10,000*
A. Operating Expense		$ 400	
B. Testing—Guidance Center		600	
C. Grants-in-aid		9,000	
(*Income from Samuel P. Alexander Fund to be applied against total)			
VIII. PRE-ORDINATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING			$ 550
A. Workshops in Church Officer Development			
IX. SPECIALIZED MINISTRY			$ 18,000
A. Evangelism		$ 500	
B. Day Care Centers		11,750	
Monroe (2)	$ 2,000		
S. Tryon	2,000		
Double Oaks	6,000		
Smallwood	1,000		
Caldwell Mem. (Adult)	750		
C. Alexander Children's Center		2,000	
D. School of Arts—First Presbyterian		1,500	
E. Training Experiences		250	
F. Operating Expense		100	
G. Seigle Ave. Hot Lunch		2,200	
H. Speech & Hearing Clinic		500	
X. RESEARCH AND STRATEGY			$ 4,000
A. Operating Expense		$ 200	
B. Research		500	
C. Follow-up of Earhart Study		3,000	
D. Consultants, Workshops, Retreats		300	

XI. WORLD MISSIONS		$ 1,670
A. Operating Expense	$ 50	
B. Montreat Conf. for Chm.	120	
C. Montreat Conf. for youth	1,000	
D. International Seminars	500	
XII. TASK FORCE ON HUNGER		$ 1,000
A. Legislative Committee	$ 100	
B. Education Committee	450	
C. Local and Overseas Projects	300	
D. Operating Expenses	150	
XIII. TASK FORCE ON COUNSELING (For Counseling services at 3 approved centers)		$ 12,000
XIV. WORSHIP COMMITTEE		$ 600
A. Operating Expense	$ 40	
B. Montreat Conference	360	
C. Presbytery Workshop	200	
XV. TASK FORCE ON WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY (For Mailings, Films, & Literature)		$ 200
TOTAL		$226,208

The report of Presbytery's Council was adopted as a whole.

An Interim Report of the Administrative Commission of the Locust Presbyterian Church was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. This report was admitted to the records of Presbytery.

On November 27, 1973 the Presbytery of Mecklenburg took the following action: "that an Administrative Commission with the full authority of the Presbytery, be appointed to visit the Locust congregation to investigate the causes complained of, and to take such actions as may be necessary which would tend to restore peace and harmony to that congregation." The Administrative Commission is composed of the following members: Teaching Elders: Roy W. Coker, chairman; Horace H. Hilton, Thornton W. Tucker, and Lawrence I. Stell alternate; Ruling Elders: Fred McCallum, Robert F. Stokes, Thomas C. Ruff, and Charles Akers alternate.

The Commission has held fifteen meetings. We have met with those persons who signed the Memorial to Presbytery, with the pastor, and with the Session. We gave every member of the congregation an opportunity to express their views to us by letter, and we received many replies. After listening for hours to all sides, after much deliberation and prayer, we made a number of positive suggestions to both sides which we thought would help effect reconciliation. We made it clear to the Pastor and Session and also to the signers of the Memorial that we recognized the Session as the duly elected and constituted governing body of the local church and that we were working through them to carry out the assignment given us by Presbytery. The Commission regretfully reports to Presbytery that our efforts have met with failure.

On September 29, 1974 R. Thomas Cheely, announced his resignation as the pastor of the Locust Church, and asked the Session to call a congregational meeting to concur in his request to Presbytery that the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Locust Church be dissolved. He stated that he resigned to accept a call to become the organizing pastor of a new work in the Locust area, this new work is a part of the Presbyterian Church in America. At a congregational meeting of the Locust Church on October 13, 1974 the congregation voted to concur with Mr. Cheely's request. The Commission on The Minister on October 17, 1974 dissolved the pastoral relationship between Mr. Cheely and the Locust Church, and declared the Locust pulpit vacant. Mr. Cheely has moved out of the Locust manse.

During the past six weeks the Administrative Commission has kept in close contact with the Locust church. It appears at this time that approximately 1/3 of the Locust congregation has remained loyal to the Locust Presbyterian Church, and that about 2/3 of the members have aligned themselves with Mr. Cheely and the new work being organized by the Presbyterian Church in America. Only one elder out of nine and two deacons out of nine have remained with us.

Since there was only one elder active, the Administrative Commission, with the concurrence of the remaining officers, has assumed original jurisdiction of the Locust Church under the provisions of BCO 19-2 and 16-7(2). We have appointed a Steering Committee composed of five members of the Locust Church to operate the church under our direction and control.

The Rev. Carlyle McDonald of Bethel Presbytery conducted worship services in the Locust Church on October 20, & 27, 1974. Beginning with the first of November the Commission, with the concurrence of the Commission on the Minister, has arranged for the Rev. W. M. Boyce to serve as interim pastor, and as Moderator of the Steering Committee.

The Administrative Commission continues to work to restore peace and bring about reconciliation among the members of the Locust Presbyterian Church; we are also working to prevent bitterness and hatred toward those who have withdrawn from our fellowship. We hope to leave the door open so that those who have left may come back if they should desire to do so. From the beginning the Commission has emphasized to all concerned in Locust the message of the Christian Gospel is one of love and forgiveness, and during this very difficult situation we are endeavoring to practice love and forgiveness by our actions.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. The report was adopted as a whole as amended.

Since the September 24, 1974 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister has met on October 17, 1974 and November 14, 1974. Matters coming from those two meetings which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of October 17, 1974:

1. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship of the Reverend James N. Biggers and the Badin Presbyterian Church effective November 1, 1974 in order that he might accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Welch, West Virginia. A letter of transfer to the Highland Presbytery, Synod of the Virginias, was authorized.
2. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship of the Reverend R. Thomas Cheely and the Locust Presbyterian Church effective October 15, 1974. The matter of his dismissal to the Presbytery of the Carolinas, The Presbyterian Church in America, as he requested, is referred to Mecklenburg Presbytery. (See resolution under 11/14/74 meeting of Commission on the Minister).

3. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the relationship of the Reverend Charles N. Clegg as Associate Pastor and the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church effective October 31, 1974. The question concerning his request that he be transferred to the Pastoral Oversight of the Greenleaf Evangelical Missions, Inc., Montreat, N. C. was deferred to the November 14, 1974 meeting of the Commission.

4. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship of the Reverend Carl T. Uzzell and the St. John Presbyterian Church effective December 1, 1974 in order that he might accept the call of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, Wallace, North Carolina. A letter of transfer and commendation to the Presbytery of Wilmington was authorized.

5. A motion was passed that we recommend to Presbytery that, at his own request, the Reverend A. Leslie Thompson be declared "Honorably Retired" effective December 31, 1974 and that he be certified for participation in the Reynolds Fund on this effective date. The Commission expressed commendation for the outstanding manner in which he has served his pastorates in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

   We request permission to present Mr. Thompson with words of appreciation and a plaque at this time.

6. In accordance with paragraph 27-2 B.C.O. which states that "A Candidate who has completed his studies in preparation for ordination, and has opportunity for further studies, may request his Presbytery to ordain him.", the Commission recommends that the course of study in Clinical Pastoral Education of Mrs. Margaret Peery and Mr. David F. McInnis be approved as satisfactorily meeting the requirements. Further, we recommend that the Sub-Committee on Examinations proceed with its examination and, upon the completion of satisfactory examination by Presbytery, that their study be approved and that Presbytery proceed with their ordination.

7. We would call the attention of Presbytery to the action of the 1974 General Assembly changing the minimum retirement age from 60 to 55, effective January 1, 1975.

8. The Reverend Leonard Topping was approved as Part-Time "Visitation Minister" of the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church. Satisfactory arrangements have been worked out with the church and with the Board of Annuities and Relief.

9. The Reverend Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. was appointed Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

10. The Reverend Carlyle A. McDonald was approved as Interim Supply for Benton Heights Presbyterian Church and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session for three months, subject to his reception of a call or their calling of a minister.

11. The Reverend Glenn Robinson was approved as Interim Supply for Providence Presbyterian Church and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session for November and December, 1974, subject to satisfactory arrangements between Mr. Robinson, the Session of Providence Church and the General Presbyter.

From the meeting of November 14, 1974:

1. In response to a letter from R. Thomas Cheely, dated September 29, 1974, requesting his dismissal to Carolina Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America, the Commission on the Minister submits the following resolution:

   Whereas, the Constitution makes no provision for a minister to affiliate or join another religious body apart from action of the Presbytery of jurisdiction, and

Whereas, while still under the jurisdiction of Mecklenburg Presbytery, R. Thomas Cheely was received by Carolina Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America on September 28, 1974 to become effective October 15, 1974, while Mr. Cheely was still under jurisdiction of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and

Whereas, such action constitutes clearly a renunciation of the authority of this Presbytery, therefore, after this Commission's conference with the Chairman of the Administrative Commission for the Locust Church—

Be it resolved:

(1) That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg take cognizance of the fact that R. Thomas Cheely, according to his own statement, was received by Carolina Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America on September 28, 1974, effective October 15, 1974, while still under jurisdiction of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

(2) That this action had the effect of renouncing the authority of Mecklenburg Presbytery and was, therefore, a highly irregular action, hereby noted by Presbytery.

(3) That, under the provision of the **Book of Church Order** Paragraph 111-3-1st Sentence, Presbytery instructs that the name of R. Thomas Cheely be removed from the membership roll of Ministers of this Presbytery and withdraws from him all authority to exercise ministry derived from this church and

(4) That Presbytery express its continued concern with the resulting confused situation existing in the Locust Presbyterian Church and the earnest hope that, under the guidance of the Administrative Commission of Presbytery, the congregation may continue its loyalty and work in the mission of this church.

2. Action on the request of the Reverend Charles N. Clegg that he be transferred to the Greenleaf Evangelical Mission, Inc. of Montreat, N. C. was postponed until a subsequent meeting in accordance with his subsequent request. It was docketed for the next stated meeting of the Commission on December 19, 1974.

3. The terms of the call of the Newell Church to the Reverend Kenneth Earl Woodard as pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$10,000.00
A Manse	
100% Manse Utilities (with the exception of personal long distance telephone calls)	
100% Annuity Payments	
100% Group Insurance Plan for Minister, Health Insurance for his family	
Auto Allowance	$1,200.00
(to be increased if this amount proved to be insufficient)	
Moving Expenses—from Wallace, N. C. to Charlotte, N. C. (Newell)	
Four (4) weeks vacation	

4. The terms of the call of the Sharon Church to the Reverend James Hawley McKinnon, Jr. as Senior Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and

approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$13,000.00
Auto Expenses	2,800.00
Continuing Education	400.00

Use of the Manse at 5201 Sharon Road
Utilities
Full Annuity at 12%
Hospitalization Insurance for Minister and Family
A Payment equal to ½ of his Social Security Tax
One Month paid vacation
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave
Moving Expenses from Morehead City to Charlotte

5. The Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. was appointed Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Badin Presbyterian Church.

6. The Reverend J. K. Aiken was appointed Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

7. The Reverend Kenneth P. Craig was appointed Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the St. John Presbyterian Church for the month of December, 1974.

8. The Reverend Robert C. Benson was approved as Stated Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Beulah Presbyterian Church for the calendar year 1975.

9. We recommend the following changes in terms of call be approved by Presbytery:

(1) William Dennis Morton, III	Salary Increase	$600.00
Waxhaw Presbyterian	Auto Allowance Increase	200.00
(2) Paul A. Horne	Salary Increase	550.00
Johnston Memorial	Continuing Ed. Increase	200.00
(3) George L. Ducker	Salary Increase	$600.00
Westover Hills		
(4) Anderson Merrell Keith		
	Salary Increase (from Turner)	$500.00
	Car Allow. (from Turner)	100.00
	Salary Increase (from Siler)	500.00
	Car Allow. (from Siler)	100.00

10. We would urge Churches to fill out "The Terms of Call" forms **completely** in order to assist the Sub-Committee on Pastoral Oversight and Ministers' Health of the Commission in its work. We would inform Presbytery that included in the minimum terms (1975) is a $200 Continuing Education Allowance which was inadvertently left out of the form letter of November 8, 1974 to Clerks of Session and/or Ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery (included in packet for this meeting).

The following motion was made, seconded and adopted by Presbytery: That Churches failing to meet the minimum salary standards of Mecklenburg Presbytery be requested to consult with the Deployment and Sustentation Committee with a view to enabling minimum salary standards to be met; the Deployment and Sustentation Committee undertaking care and assistance as necessary.

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman of the World Missions Committee, presented Keith McCafferty, Executive Secretary of the Medical Benevolence Foundation, who made a brief statement concerning the work of this organization. This statement was received as information.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M. The first order after lunch was Part II of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee; Transfer Division made by John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman.

Mr. Rogers presented Kenneth Earl Woodard of Wilmington Presbytery and Minister-Elect of the Newell Church, and John Hawley McKinnon, Jr. of Wilmington Presbytery and Minister-Elect of the Sharon Church.

These brethren made statements concerning their Christian experience. They were then examined on their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Woodard and Mr. McKinnon were placed in their hands and by them accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of these calls. Mr. Woodard and Mr. McKinnon were then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers and the following commissions were appointed to install them.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL JAMES H. McKINNON, JR. AS PASTOR OF SHARON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

W. R. Smith, III, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

John B. Rogers, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Lawrence I. Stell, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

John R. MacKinnon, Morning Prayer.

RULING ELDERS:

W. J. McKinnon (Wadesboro)
Randolph Norton (Sardis)

A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)

Jasper C. Johnson (North Avenue Church, Atlanta)

(To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to sit as a visiting brother with the Commission)

Harry R. Smith, Sr. (Buffalo Church, Greensboro)

(To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to sit as a visiting brother with the Commission)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL KENNETH E. WOODARD AS PASTOR OF NEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

E. L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Horace E. Stoessel, To preach the Sermon.

Zane M. Moore, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Harry Kirk (Mallard Creek)
W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
Larry Griffie (Newell)

The report of the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee was presented by J. W. Melton, Jr., the Chairman. This report was received as information.

Presbytery recessed at 3:00 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 3:15 P.M.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, George O. Stovall. The report was adopted as amended.

REPORT OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TRUSTEES

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1975—James H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

Willis I. Henderson to serve as Chairman
1977—James Crews (Trinity)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

1977—G. Carswell Hughs
1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1977—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section
1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
1976—W. G. Katibah, Jr. (filling unexpired term)
1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—J. K. Aiken, Jr.
1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Rufus King (Providence)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)

2. Commission on the Minister
Zane M. Moore to serve as Chairman
1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth
1977—Douglas W. Oldenburg (Vice Chairman)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Howard Fesperman (Plaza)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

1977—Horace E. Stoessel
1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening the Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

1976—Jennings B. Reid (filling unexpired term)
1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—Mrs. Margaret Kitchen (Benton Heights)

2. Christian Education

1975—Ann Holder (Amity) (filling unexpired term)
1976—Roger Green (Albemarle First) (filling unexpired term)
1976—Mrs. H. B. Hrabanek (Providence) (filling unexpired term)
1977—Robert H. Teed
1977—Arthur S. Gatewood
1977—E. E. Washington
1977—Miss Ann Hopkins (Trinity)
1977—Mrs. Charles Cowsert (Charlotte First)
1977—Harold E. Smith (Caldwell Memorial)
1977—Mrs. George B. Michie (Seigle Avenue)
1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries
Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) To serve as Chairman

1977—Glenn B. Robinson
1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr. M.D. (Trinity)

2. Research and Strategy
Roy W. Coker to serve as Chairman

1975—Fred R. Horner (filling unexpired term)
1977—James E. Ratchford
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Ross Miller (Thomasboro)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

1975—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College) (filling unexpired term)
1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III
1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)

4. Specialized Ministry
William B. Ward To serve as Chairman

1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1977—John R. MacKinnon
1977—Mrs. George H. Venable (South Tryon)
1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)

5. World Missions
1975—James W. Eller (filling unexpired term)
1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman
1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Avenue)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section
1. Personnel Committee
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)

2. Court Meetings
1977—David E. Wilkinson
1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)

B. Theology Section
1. Interpretation
Earl R. MacCormac to serve as Chairman
1976—Horace H. Hilton, Jr. (filling unexpired term)
1977—Frank H. Caldwell
1977—Miss Bettie McEwen (Philadelphia)

2. Worship
Robert S. Hough To Serve as Chairman
1977—D. Scott Lindsay
1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.
1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)
Task Force on Women in Church and Society
Mrs. Ruth Topping Added to this Committee
Rodney C. Shoemaker to replace Friedrich Schilling, Jr.

The report of the Court Meetings Committee was presented by Warner L. Hall, Chairman. The recommendations were adopted by the Court.

That:

1. Presbytery accept the invitation of the St. Giles Church for the next Stated Meeting.
2. Presbytery accept the invitation of Third Church for the Called Meeting to consider the proposed **Book of Confessions.** Tentative date for that meeting has been set as January 28, 1975.
3. The next Stated Meeting be scheduled for part of Monday and Tuesday in order to give time for adequate consideration of the proposed Amendments to the **Book of Church Order.** The next Stated Meeting will be February 24 and 25, 1975.
4. The address of Malcolm Lester presented in the Opening Worship be memographed and sent to the Ministers of the Presbytery.

The report of the Interpretation Committee was presented by the Chairman, Charles E. S. Kraemer. The report was adopted.

The Interpretation Committee would remind Presbytery that the General Assembly has **not adopted The Proposed Book of Confessions** and that **Presbytery is not being asked now to vote for or against adoption.** The 1974 Assembly adopted the following recommendation of the Ad-Interim Committee concerning its request to Presbyteries: "Recommendation 2. That the Presbyteries be requested to make the report the object of serious and careful study and to submit their comments to the Office of the General Assembly by February 1, 1975."

In response to this request and growing out of the October 22 study, the Interpretation Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery recommends that Presbytery:

1.) Report to the Office of the General Assembly that a popular meeting was held to provide an opportunity for comments.

2.) Report that the chief reaction of this study was positive.

3.) That Presbytery have a special Called Meeting for the purpose of debating **The Proposed Book of Confessions** and the **New Confession of Faith** and that the Interpretation Committee be charged to organize that debate. January 28, 1975 was the tentative date set for this Called Meeting to be held at the Third Church.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted as follows: In order that the Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery be organized and expedited and overlapping be eliminated as much as possible, those wishing to debate particular items in the **Proposed Confession of Faith** are requested to send a list of their items for debate or amendment to the Interpretation Committee.

James A. Cannon, Chairman, presented the report of the Worship Committee. This report was received as information.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by the Chairman, Lewis W. Bledsoe. Recommendations were adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Sessional Records of the following be approved:

Albemarle
Albemarle Road
Amity
Avondale
Badin
Banks
Belk, W. H.
Benton Heights
Bethany
Bethlehem
Caldwell Memorial
Calvary
Camden
Carmel
Central Steele Creek
Charlotte First
Charlotte Third
Christ
Clanton Memorial
Cook's Memorial
Cornelius
Covenant
Davidson College
East
First Union
Forest Hill
Hickory Grove
Hopewell
Huntersville
Indian Hill
Indian Trail
Johnston Memorial
Locust
Mallard Creek
Matthews
  (thru Oct. 7, 73)
McQuay
Monroe First
Morven
Mulberry
Myers Park
Newell
Norwood
Oakboro
Pageland
Paw Creek
Philadelphia
Plaza
Pleasant Hill
Providence
Ramah
Robinson
St. Andrews
St. Giles
St. John
Salem
Sardis
Selwyn Avenue
Sharon
Siler
South Tryon
Steele Creek
Stephenson
Sugaw Creek
Thomasboro
Trinity
Turner
Wadesboro
Walkerville
Waxhaw
Westminster
Westover Hills
Williams Memorial

2. That those fifteen churches not having sent in their Sessional Records be instructed to do so before December 15, 1974.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was made by the Chairman, Malcolm Lester. The report was adopted.

"Resolution 27 of the 114th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

"Whereas, there has been such an inundating influx of television commercials for beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages; and

Whereas, there is a rising problem of adolescent alcoholism in America; and

Whereas, so many youths as well as adults watch many hours of television each week; and

Whereas, the Commission on Drug Abuse in America appointed by the President of the United States (P.L. 91-513), after three years of serious study has concluded that the Number One Drug Problem in America is Alcohol Mis-use;

Therefore, let it be resolved by the 114th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States that this statement be sent to the Federal Communications Commission and other related regulatory mass communication agencies expressing our Church's concern over having alcohol advertisements on television, and requesting that the Commission rule to discontinue any commercials which advocate usage of alcoholic beverages."

Whereas it is the obligation of Presbytery to follow the lead of the General Assembly.

Whereas local T. V. stations have some autonomous power to regulate mass communications:

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Mecklenburg Presbytery send a statement to the local television stations to express our Church's concern over having alcohol advertisements on television and requesting that the management rule to discontinue any television commercials which advocate the usage of alcoholic beverages."

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Chairman, James W. Eller. This report was adopted.

"We, the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, convened at the Covenant Presbyterian Church on this 19th day of November, 1974, wish to express to Almighty God our thanks for the privilege of meeting together in order to transact our business and to carry out the Mission of His Kingdom.

We are deeply grateful to the congregation, the Session, ministers and staff of Covenant Presbyterian Church for their invitation, generous hospitality and careful preparation to accommodate our every need. The beauty of the Covenant Church sanctuary and the significance of its Christian Symbolism have enhanced our worship and lifted our spirits. We enjoyed the delicious meal and thank those who have so graciously served us.

We also wish to thank our retiring moderator, Dr. Malcolm Lester, for his instructive meditation entitled, "Approving the Excellent."

And we are grateful to our moderator, Dr. Charles C. Cowsert, for the fair and judicious way in which he led our business activities."

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by Mrs. Linda Champion, and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

There was a motion to adjourn, a second to that motion, and it was adopted. The Court stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. Presbytery stood adjourned to meet Monday and Tuesday, February 24 and 25, 1975 in the St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
April, 1959	Providence Church	Rev. Stewart W. Yandle
July, 1959	Westover Hills Church	Rev. E. Lee Stoffel
Sept., 1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan. 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Fogartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1975

Officers Of The Presbytery:

Charles Hunter, Moderator of February Meeting, Shopton Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

James E. Ratchford, Moderator of May Meeting, Norwood, N. C. 28128

Robert J. James, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1975—J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1), W. F. Mulliss (Myers Park) (3)

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (1)

Presbytery:

Willis I. Henderson, Chairman, 2435 Mecklenburg Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

1975—Willis I. Henderson (Plaza) (Chm.)
1976—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)
1977—James Crews (Trinity)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers

1975—Russell M. Kerr (Chm.)
1975—Thornton W. Tucker
1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1976—Charles L. Kirby
1977—G. Carswell Hughs

Elders

1975—James W. Price (Central Steele Creek)
1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1977—Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, 1211 Commerce Center, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1975—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
1975—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1975—Warren G. Nance
1976—W. G. Katibah, Jr.
1976—Charles C. Cowsert (Chm.)
1976—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—J. K. Aiken, Jr.

Elders

1975—John A. Tate (Davidson College)
1975—Mrs. William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1975—Mrs. Ray L. Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)
1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)
1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)
1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)

2. Commission on the Minister

Zane M. Moore, Chairman, P. O. Box 7124, Charlotte, N. C. 28217

Ministers	**Elders**
1975—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	1975—W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First)
1975—Kenneth P. Craig	1975—Glenn Hunt (Cook's Memorial)
1976—Zane M. Moore (Chm.)	1976—G. R. Pierce (Monroe First)
1976—Henry S. Robinson	1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)
1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth	1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Douglas W. Oldenburg	1977—Mrs. Howard Fesperman (Plaza)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Julius W. Melton, Jr., Chairman, Box 345, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers	**Elders**
1975—Robert O. Freeman	1975—Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr. (Plaza)
1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)	1976—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)
1977—Horace E. Stoessel	1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, Route 2—Box 350, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1975—Lewis W. Bledsoe (Chm.)	1975—William E. Loftin (Avondale)
1976—Jennings B. Reid	1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1977—Edward C. Wilson	1977—Mrs. Frank Funderburk (Monroe First)

2. Christian Education

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1975—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)	1975—Gabe C. Hill (Sharon)
1975—M. B. Prince, III	1975—Ann Holder (Amity)
1976—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	1975—Mrs. Jack C. Cathey (Third)
1976—William M. Edwards, II	1975—Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity)
1976—R. Lee Nichols, Jr.	1975—Miss Sarah K. Wilson (Paw Creek)
1976—R. Zach Thomas, III	1976—Roger Green (Albemarle First)
1977—Robert H. Teed	1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)
1977—Arthur S. Gatewood	1976—Mrs. H. B. Hrabanek (Providence)
1977—E. E. Washington	1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)
	1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)
	1977—Miss Ann Hopkins (Trinity)
	1977—Mrs. Charles Cowsert (Charlotte First)
	1977—Harold E. Smith (Caldwell Memorial)
	1977—Mrs. George B. Michie (Seigle Avenue)
	1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), Chairman, 1117 Greentree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1975—Thomas J. Nash, III
1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.
1977—Glenn B. Robinson

Lay Members

1975—W. T. Crowder (Third)
1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)
1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) (Chm.)

2. Research and Strategy

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1975—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1975—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1976—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1977—James E. Ratchford
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Lay Members

1975—Donald G. Helms (Indian Trail)
1975—Edward F. Parnell, Jr. (Avondale)
1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
1976—W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Daniel Brooks (Carmel)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman, 4019 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1975—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. (Chm.)
1975—George L. Ducker
1976—Lawrence I. Stell
1976—F. A. Mathes
1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III

Lay Members

1975—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College)
1975—Fred O Brown (Philadelphia)
1976—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)
1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)

4. Specialized Ministry

William B. Ward, Chairman, 1000 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1975—Richard P. Shaw
1975—A. J. Morrison
1976—William B. Ward (Chm.)
1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.
1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1977—John R. MacKinnon

Lay Members

1975—Mrs. Don Kellam (Providence)
1975—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1975—Don Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1976—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1977—Mrs. Curtina Bradley (Smallwood)
1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)

5. World Missions

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman, 3501 Tuckaseegee Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1975—
1976—Earle D. Roberts
1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr. (Chm.)

Lay Members

1975—Miss Doris Jean Brown (Calvary)
1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Ave.)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

George O. Stovall, Chairman, 1314 North Sixth Street, Albemarle, N. C. 28001

Ministers

1975—Thomas W. MacLean
1975—Richard P. Shaw
1976—Roy W. Coker
1976—
1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Lay Members

1975—Harvey W. Johnston, M. D. (Forest Hill)
1975—George O. Stovall (Chm.) (Albemarle First)
1976—J V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial)
1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence)
1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)

2. Court Meetings

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1211 Commerce Center, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1975—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)
1976—Eugene P. Poe
1977—David E. Wilkinson

Lay Members

1975—A. Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First)
1976—Richard Givens (Albemarle First)
1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Earl R. MacCormac, Chairman, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers

1975—Earl R. MacCormac (Chm.)
1976—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
1977—Frank H. Caldwell

Lay Members

1975—David R. Wilson (Steele Creek)
1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)
1977—Miss Bettie McEwen ((Philadelphia)

2. Worship

Robert S. Hough, Chairman, 6801 Monroe Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers

1975—Robert S. Hough (Chm.)
1976—J. David Fletcher
1977—D. Scott Lindsay

Lay Members

1975—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)
1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)
1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1975—Frank H. Caldwell
1976—G. Carswell Hughs

1975—Paul Hood (Sharon)
1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)

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W. G. Workman, H.R.	
Robert Turner, H.R.	
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Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	
Leighton S. Ford	Evangelist
G. E. Dixon	Ridgecrest
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	
Daniel L. Durway	Graduate Student
David G. Boyce	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	Assistant Director Alexander Children's Center
Charles Betts Huntley	Foreign Missionary
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	Sugaw Creek
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	
J. Arthur Beard	Westminster (Associate)
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe, H.R.	
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	Myers Park (Associate)
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	
Paul W. Beazley	Graduate School
Paul A. Horne	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith	Turner, Siler
Eldon D. Wadsworth	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third

ROLL OF MINISTERS	Church
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F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
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Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Associate in Christian Education
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	
John E. Smylie	
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
James A. Cannon	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	
John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	
H. E. Stoessel	
Neil C. Leach	ACTS
Robert S. Maclin, III	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	
Roy W. Coker	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	
Raeford Rodney Love	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah
Joe P. Arnold	
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	St. Andrews
A. J. Morrison	Third (Associate)
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
James H. Shackelford	Professor
Robert O. Freeman	Coordinator Charlotte Area Clergy Association
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Hunter R. Hill	Graduate School
Earl R. MacCormac	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Davidson College

ROLL OF MINISTERS	**Church**
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
William B. Ward	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	
Robert H. Teed	Philadelphia (Associate)
William M. Edwards, II	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	Admin. Davidson College
Robert Lee Nichols, Jr.	Avondale (Associate)
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	Davidson College (Assistant)
Earle D. Roberts	Covenant (Assistant)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	McQuay
J. K. Aiken, Jr.	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	Plaza
E. E. Washington	Smallwood
S. E. Barrett	Camden-Morven
K. Braxton Garriss	Evangelist
Fred R. Horner	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	Trinity (Assistant)
J. W. Ligon	Carmel
W. G. Nance	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon	Presbyterian Family Life Center
David Scott Lindsay	Charlotte First (Associate)
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	Walkersville
R. E. Smith, Jr.	Sardis (Associate)
Vernon H. Dodd	Hopewell (Assistant)
Neil M. McMillan	Selwyn Avenue
Kenneth Woodard	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	Sharon
W. L. Kline, Jr.	Memorial
John R. Crawford	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	Clinical Pastoral Education
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	
Roger P. Melton	Altan-Bethany
George H. V. Hunter	Badin
J. Craig Butler	Benton Heights
Donald E. Stroud	Marshville-New Salem
Thomas K. Reinowski	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
Total Ministers	**146**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

G. Wayne Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton, Myers Park Church

Sally Henderson, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Zeb B. Long, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Timothy Derr Mayes, U. N. C.—Charlotte, Ramah Church

David F. McInnis, Columbia Seminary, Covenant Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, St. Andrews College, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., Union Seminary, Mulberry Church

Daniel Drew Robinson, Louisville Seminary, Carmel Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

ROLL OF CHURCHES

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Albemarle	Fred Sutton 806 Smith Street Albemarle 28001	G. T. Rabe, Jr. P. O. Box 848 Albemarle 28001
Albemarle Road	Ralph Killough 7200 Canterway Drive Matthews 28105	Robert W. Ellenberger 4828 Easthaven Drive Charlotte 28212
Altan	Odus Doster Route 5, Box 868 Monroe 28110	James E. Cox Route 5 Monroe 28110
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Amity	James J. Putman 5344 Unaka Ave. Charlotte 28205	R. H. Houston 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd. Charlotte 28205
Avondale	G. D. Aitken, Sr. 3114 Willow Oak Rd. Charlotte 28209	W. L. Faucette 1112 Scaleybark Rd., Apt. 209 Charlotte 28209
Badin	A. D. Beach 36 Cedar St. Badin 28009	D. A. Beck Badin 28009
Banks	Ralph C. Kelley Box 201, Route 2 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715	Parks Stephenson Route 2, Box 264 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
Belk, W. H.	Gilmer S. Morrison 6311 Nations Ford Road Charlotte 28210	Wayne Massey 7717 Bramblewood Road Charlotte 28210
Benton Heights	Mrs. Margaret Kitchen Route 9, Box 200 Monroe 28110	Mrs. Pressley Hinson 1314 Concord Avenue Monroe 28110
Bethany	Paul Whitley Route 5 Monroe 28110	Roy Snipes Route 5 Monroe 28110
Bethel	J. Wilson Knox Route 2, Box 208 Huntersville 28078	John V. Washam, Jr. Route 2, Box 487 Huntersville 28078
Bethlehem	Buford A. Price Route 7, Box 430 Monroe 28110	Milton Harper Route 7, Box 470 Monroe 28110
Beulah	Allen Collins Route 1 Monroe 28110	Ralph Rorie Route 3 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Caldwell Memorial	Mrs. J. R. Regehr 232 Mountain View Dr. Matthews 28105	Mrs. D. M. Allen 5715 Lancelot Dr. Matthews 28105
Calvary	Bobby Overcash 179 Beverly Drive Concord 28025	Jimmy White Box 368 Cornelius 28031
Camden	J. B. Baker 1317 Shannon Drive Wadesboro 28170	Miss Ethel Hildreth Route 3, Box 64 Wadesboro 28170
Carmel	Sam B. Woods, Jr. 6710 Knightswood Drive Charlotte 28211	Edward A. Schlirf 3101 Champaign St. Charlotte 28210
Central Steele Creek	William B. Young Rt. 2, Box 1134 Charlotte 28210	Charles F. Blackwelder Rt. 2, 12436 Delshire Ln. Charlotte 28210

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harlotte First	Robert Glasgow 1857 Sterling Rd. Charlotte 28209	Hurl Hix 416 Beverly Circle Matthews 28105
hrist	M. S. Rhyne, Jr. 2627 Ashley Rd. Charlotte 28208	W. E. Carter 6624 Pawnee Drive Charlotte 28214
lanton Memorial	Allen W. Estridge, Jr. 911 Yorkmont Road Charlotte 28210	Ben A. Bennett 227 Freeland Lane Charlotte 28210
ook's Memorial	Robert C. Yarbrough 461 Oakdale Rd. Charlotte 28216	Ned W. Pack Rt. 9, Box 195-K Charlotte 28208
ornelius	Vernon Robinette Cornelius 28031	Marvin Bradford Cornelius 28031
ovenant	Charles B. Trexler 2101 Bucknell Ave. Charlotte 28207	Richard M. Hunter 220 Huntley Place Charlotte 28207
avidson College	Malcolm Lester Box 546 Davidson 28036	W. A. Thompson P. O. Box 566 Davidson 28036
ast	Russell Adkins 1313 Hazelhurst Ave. Charlotte 28211	Anthony Rhead 1200 Beechdale Drive Charlotte 28212
irst Union	Donald L. Haas 1721 Lisbon Lane Charlotte 28213	James G. Shaver 4201 Nevin Rd. Charlotte 28213
orest Hill	Burns W. Stuart 3836 Annlin Ave. Charlotte 28209	Mrs. Gene H. Nance 3124 Zelda Ln. Matthews 28105
awley Memorial	Leonard Ward RFD 1, Box 290 Peachland 28133	Mrs. Sherry F. Gaddy 130 College St. Polkton 28135
ickory Grove	Mrs. Sara Wright 6716 Linda Lake Dr. Charlotte 28215	Jay Alexander 5101 Hickory Grove Rd. Charlotte 28215
opewell	William E. Moss Route 3, Box 470 Huntersville 28078	Joe F. Ogburn Rt. 3, Box 387 Huntersville 28078
untersville	Charles Holbrook P. O. Box 145 Huntersville 28078	Ralph E. McAuley P. O. Box 342 Huntersville 28078
ndian Hill	J. W. Morgan Route 2 Stanfield 28163	Lewis Lambert Route 2 Stanfield 28163
ndian Trail	Kenneth C. Gantz, Jr. 4848 Old Monroe Rd. Matthews 28105	Grier Killough P. O. Box 6 Indian Trail 28079
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ee Park	John D. Williams Route 4 Monroe 28110	Charles E. Williams Route 1 Monroe 28110

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Mallard Creek	Harry S. Kirk Route 10, Box 491 Charlotte 28213	Mrs. J. Howard Wilson 10028 Mallard Creek Church Road Charlotte 28213
Marshville	C. S. Boyce Route 4, Box 155 Marshville 28103	G. O. Perkins Box 301 Marshville 28103
Matthews	J. W. Russell P. O. Box 234 Matthews 28105	Don R. Cofer 341 Bubbling Well Road Matthews 28105
McGee	John O. Sides 336 Fielding Rd. Charlotte 28214	J. Ross Kistler 1125 James Street Charlotte 28216
McQuay	Jack M. Threatt Route 4, Box 472-A-9 Charlotte 28208	Frank M. Felker, Jr. 3712 Rogers Street Charlotte 28208
Memorial	Van D. Crutchfield Route 14, Box 287 Charlotte 28208	James R. Price 3423 Farrhill Road Charlotte 28208
Monroe First	Mrs. Kathleen Sell 105 West End Drive Monroe 28110	Mrs. Marie Funderburk Box 567 Monroe 28110
Morven	Thomas H. Whitley P. O. Box 242 Morven 28119	Mrs. Ben S. Robinson P. O. Box 125 Morven 28119
Mulberry	L. W. Byrum 2627 Park Lane Charlotte 28214	D. S. Forbes 2839 Kendrick Drive Charlotte 28214
Myers Park	William Summerville, Jr. Box 6160 Charlotte 28207	Richard C. Ranson 2533 Hampton Ave. Charlotte 28207
Newell	J. F. Caldwell P. O. Box 16 Newell 28126	W. D. Poteat P. O. Box 21 Newell 28126
New Salem	Oscar L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103	C. C. Moore Route 2 Marshville 28103
Norwood	F. M. Haire P. O. Box 93 Norwood 28128	Randy Sullivan P. O. Box 712 Norwood 28128
Oakboro	Mrs. Edith McLendon P. O. Box 428 Oakboro 28129	Mrs. William Champion Rt. 2, Box 286-PA Stanfield 28163
Pageland	H. H. Houston, Jr. P. O. Box 51 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. S. M. Busch 207 N. Poplar Street Pageland, S. C. 29728
Paw Creek	Howard C. Sharpe, Sr. 251 Enwood Dr. Charlotte 28214	Grady S. Alexander 245 Sturbridge Dr. Charlotte 28214
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Plaza	Adrian E. Aman 1405 Morningside Drive Charlotte 28205	Albert D. Leopold Rt. 6, Box 620 Mooresville 28115

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rovidence	R. J. Dietrich Route 3 Waxhaw 28173	R. A. Hudson, Jr. Route 3 Waxhaw 28173
Quail Hollow	David Whitley 3027 Parkstone Drive Charlotte 28210	Charles Walker 8508 Castlekeep Rd., Rt. 2 Pineville 28134
Ramah	Otis C. Gray Route 2 Huntersville 28078	J. W. Brown Route 2 Huntersville 28078
Rehoboth	F. A. Gordon Rt. 4, Box 113-F Waxhaw 28173	Miss Hope Sims Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Ridgecrest	Grover S. Furr Route 3 Albemarle 28001	Mrs. Buford Almond Route 1 Stanfield 28163
Robinson	Ronald C. Rolen Route 8, Box 115-B Charlotte 28212	Louis F. Miller 3835 North Sharon Amity Rd Charlotte 28205
St. Andrews	H. Morrison Irwin, Jr. 1654 Sterling Rd. Charlotte 28209	M. R. McConnell 2900 Park Road Charlotte 28209
St. Giles	Mrs. Ray McCorkle 6500 Tall Oaks Trail Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Honey Baker 2027 Emerywood Dr. Charlotte 28210
St. John	Stewart E. Odham 3524 Erinbrook Ln. Charlotte 28215	Stewart E. Odham 3524 Erinbrook Ln. Charlotte 28215
Salem	Lawrence Phillips Route 1 Mt. Croghan, S. C. 29727	Dennis Thomas 209 Sewell Street Pageland, S. C. 29728
Sardis	L. Hunter Pharr 6100 Sardis Rd. Charlotte 28211	Calvin B. Baird, Sr. 5700 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211
Seigle Avenue	Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210
Selwyn Avenue	William L. Felts 327 Ridgewood Ave. Charlotte 28209	Richard Staub 2518 Inverness Rd. Charlotte 28209
Sharon	W. H. Riddle 4809 Carmel Park Drive Charlotte 28211	William T. Stanford 3100 Sharon View Road Charlotte 28210
Siler	Patterson Keels Route 8 Monroe 28110	Jerry Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Smallwood	Wymon Griffin 112 Seldon Drive Charlotte 28216	Mrs. Delores Martin 1421 Plumstead Road Charlotte 28216
South Tryon	George H. Venable 1028 Tracy Drive Charlotte 28210	Ernest S. Gilchrist 6328 Hidden Forest Dr. Charlotte 28213
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Third	L. Leon Hoover, Jr. 417 Bubbling Well Road Matthews 28105	Henry L. Brake, III 1127 Brighton Place Charlotte 28205
Thomasboro	J. Bud Payne P. O. Box 8631 Charlotte 28208	Bertie H. Long 252 W. LaPorte Drive Charlotte 28208
Trinity	Paul B. Bell 4001 Foxcroft Road Charlotte 28211	Samuel W. McNairy 3927 Rounding Run Road Matthews 28105
Turner	Charles Biggers Route 10 Monroe 28110	George Simpson Route 10, Box 75 Monroe 28110
Unionville	E. Jack Braswell Route 7, Box 700 Monroe 28110	Mrs. E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 700 Monroe 28110
Wadesboro-First	J. Herbert Hildreth 108 Rose Terrace Wadesboro 28170	W. L. Wildermuth 307 Leak Ave. Wadesboro 28170
Walkersville	Robert L. McCain Route 2 Waxhaw 28173	Gary Brady Route 2 Waxhaw 28173
Waxhaw	H. D. McLaughlin Box 143 Waxhaw 28173	Mrs. Gertrude K. Gordon Route 1, Box 76 Waxhaw 28173
Westminster	Reuben A. Garnett 2119 Rocky Knoll Dr. Charlotte 28210	James F. Boone 800 Colville Rd. Charlotte 28207
Westover Hills	Mrs. Eloise Stilwell 7515 Whippoorwill Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Merle G. McLester 4218 Gladstone Lane Charlotte 28205
Williams Memorial	J. W. Zimmerman, Jr. 910 Oakdale Rd. Charlotte 28214	Earl Leatherwood Route 1, Box 136 Huntersville 28078

Called Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Third Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
January 28, 1975

The Presbytery met on this date in the Third Presbyterian Church at 2:00 P.M. The Moderator, Charles C. Cowsert, presided and the hymn, "God Of Grace And God Of Glory" was sung.

The Moderator opened the business portion of the meeting with prayer.

A Quorum was declared present.

The ENROLLMENT taken was as follows:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Steve E. Barrett, J. Arthur Beard, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Leonard H. Bullock, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., J. A. Cannon, Kenneth P. Craig, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., W. B. H. Corkey, Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, Charles C. Cowsert, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Charles L. Kirby, Warner L. Hall, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., G. Carswell Hughs, E. L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, William A. Dysard, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, George L. Ducker, William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., R. O. Freeman, J. David Fletcher, J. S. Garner, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, J. W. Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, Jr. T. A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., F. A. Mathes, Earl R. MacCormac, F. R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Neil M. McMillan, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Robert E. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, R. Lee Nichols, D. W. Oldenburg, W. Rush Otey, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., E. P. Poe, Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert W. Rayburn, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, R. Rod Shoemaker, Robert E. Smith, Jr., L. I. Stell, Robert H. Teed, R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, T. W. Tucker, E. D. Wadsworth, E. E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, E. C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Lewis W. Bledsoe, James W. Eller, Paul A. Horne, Russell M. Kerr, Zane M. Moore, Javan W. Reid, Jr., Fred Holder, James H. McKinnon, Jr.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Art Gatewood, Robert S. Maclin, III, Robert C. Benson, William B. Ward, W. G. Katibah, Jr., Jennings B. Reid, James E. Ratchford, French B. O'Shields, Jr., A. Rudolph Hendricks, H. Louis Patrick, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Laura I. Buzard, Leighton Ford, C. F. Jacks, Neil C. Leach, Neely McCarter, T. J. Nash, III, Glenn Robinson, J. E. Smylie, David E. Wilkinson.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Anne McQuiston, Virginia Jones, Ruth Farrior, Jeanie Ogilvie, Ann Vickers, Judy Fletcher.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, William D. Cotton; Albemarle Road, Banks Massey; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Thomas H. Donaldson; Avondale, J. P. MaJette; Bethlehem, Hugh Harper; Calvary, W. E. Hastings; Camden, Herbert Best; Carmel, Sam Woods; Central Steele Creek, W. B. Young; Charlotte First, Mrs. W. W. Dunkin, Nat G. Speir; Christ, H. F. Porter; Clanton Memorial, Mrs. Allen Estridge; Cook's Memorial, Crosby A. Dunn; Covenant, Herbert E. Rupp; Davidson College, George L. Abernethy; East, Robert W. Whitesel; First Union, Jack Kanipe; Hopewell, W. M. Barnette; Huntersville, C. H. Smith; Indian Trail, T. A. Biggers; Mallard Creek, George Deaton; Matthews, Lex Hood; McGee, James A. Robbins; Morven, Mrs. Robert Thomas; Mulberry, Britt Stokes; Myers Park, J. Norman Pease, Jr., R. A. Bigger, Jr., Charles M. Marshall; Newell, Paul Stewart; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Paw Creek, Ray K. Young; Philadelphia, John M. McEwen, J. B. Bigham; Plaza, Mrs. Howard Fesperman, Frank Pierce, Sr.; Pleasant Hill, Robert K. Capps; Providence, Don Kellam; Quail Hollow, C. E. Crowder; Ramah, Joe A. Bradford; Ridgecrest, Alvin Ritchie; Robinson, J. C. Dulin; Sardis, E. B. Watson, Ed H. Walker, H. H. Hendrickson; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Mrs. E. G. Cochrane; Steele Creek, David R. Wilson, V. B. Wallace; Stephenson, D. L. Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, Donald M. MacKay; Third, Lewis W. Davis; Thomasboro, Earl Sifford, Sr., Sam T. Peery; Turner, George W. Simpson; Walkersville, Robert L. McCain; Williams Memorial, J. W. Zimmerman, Jr.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Johnston Memorial, Sharon, Caldwell Memorial, Westminster.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Banks, W. H. Belk, Benton Heights, Bethel, Beulah, Cornelius, Forest Hill, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, Locust, Lee Park, Marshville, McQuay, Memorial, New Salem, Monroe First, Norwood, Pageland, Rehoboth, St. Andrews, St. Giles, St. John, Salem, Seigle Avenue, Siler, Smallwood, South Tryon, Trinity, Unionville, Wadesboro, Waxhaw, Westover Hills.

The Call for the meeting was read as follows:

> "That Presbytery have a special Called Meeting for the purpose of debating the **Proposed Book of Confessions** and the **New Confession of Faith,** and that the Interpretation Committee be charged to organize that debate. . .
>
> In order that the Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery be organized and expedited and overlapping be eliminated as much as possible, those wishing to debate particular items in the **Proposed Confession of Faith** are requested to send a list of their items for debate to the Interpretation Committee, Dr. Earl R. MacCormac, Chairman, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C."

The Call was found in order.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery. The host Pastor, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., extended a cordial greeting to all those attending Presbytery.

A motion was made that Presbytery be resolved into a Committee of the Whole until 4:40 P.M. There was a second to this motion and it was adopted.

Earl R. MacCormac, Chairman of the Interpretation Committee, presented the proposed Agenda for the meeting. This Agenda was adopted.

AGENDA

2:00-2:15 P.M.	Organization of Meeting
2:15-3:30 P.M.	Presentation by A. J. McKelway, Jr. Lawrence I. Stell and William A. Dysard, Jr.
3:30-3:40 P.M.	Coffee Break
3:50-4:40 P.M.	Discussion, including statements from R. Lee Nichols, Roy W. Coker and John McCarter
4:40-5:00 P.M.	Proposals for Action: John B. Rogers, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

Presentations concerning the **Proposed Book of Confessions** then were made by A. J. McKelway, Jr., William A. Dysard, Jr. and Lawrence I. Stell.

Recess was taken at 3:30 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 4:00 P.M.

There followed a period of discussion, including statements by R. Lee Nichols, Jr., Roy W. Coker and John McCarter.

Presbytery recessed at 4:30 P.M. and reconvened as a Court at 4:40 P.M.

The Court adopted a motion that the length of the meeting be extended by a maximum of thirty minutes.

Proposals for action were presented by John B. Rogers, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg and J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. Mr. McKeithen presented the following Resolution to Presbytery which was adopted:

"Whereas, the most recent confessional statement which is a part of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is over three hundred years old, and

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church in the United States is in great need of an official confessional statement in contemporary language, and

Whereas, "A Declaration of Faith" is a responsible attempt to express Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures and confessed in the Reformed tradition, and

Whereas, inadequacies in any confessional statement are continually subject to remedy by the Church in the ongoing task of theological reflection and discovery,

Be it, therefore, resolved,

That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg affirm appreciation for and support of the **Book of Confessions** and **Declaration of Faith** which have been proposed for study, and

That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg recommend the inclusion of the Declaration of Chalcedon in the **Proposed Book of Confessions,** and

That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg commend for consideration of the Ad Interim Committee all suggestions for modification proposed by members of Mecklenburg Presbytery."

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made by the Chairman, Fred R. Horner. The report was adopted.

In our thanks to God we offer our gratitude to Reverend Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Pastor, Reverend A. J. Morrison, Associate Pastor, and Mrs. Max Loftin, Organist, the Session and Congregation of the Third Presbyterian Church for accommodating us for this Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery to consider what we Presbyterians believe.

We also express our appreciation to Dr. Earl R. MacCormac, Reverend A. J. McKelway, Jr., Dr. Lawrence I. Stell and Reverend William A. Dysard, Jr. for their leading us in probing the strengths and weaknesses of the **Proposed Declaration of Faith;**

To the persons who offered us delicious refreshments and hospitality during our recess;

And to our Moderator, Dr. Charles C. Cowsert for his efficient leadership as we dealt with these significant concerns in the life of our Church.

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by Warren G. Nance and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, there was a second to this motion, and it was adopted. The Court stood, and the Moderator offered the closing prayer. Mecklenburg Presbytery stood adjourned.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Thirteenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

St. Giles Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 24-25, 1975

The Presbytery convened at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, February 24, 1975, and was called to order with a call to worship by the Moderator, Charles C. Cowsert. This was followed by the singing of an anthem by the Choir of St. Giles Church, after which the Moderator led in prayer. The congregation then joined in the singing of the hymn, "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name".

The opening address was delivered by the General Presbyter, Robert J. James, on "The State of The Church."

This was followed by the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by Charles C. Cowsert and French B. O'Shields, Jr., Host Pastor, and Ruling Elders of the St. Giles Church.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Steven E. Barrett, J. A. Beard, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Byran, Robert E. Burnett, Robert C. Benson, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., James A. Cannon, J. A. Carriker, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, James W. Eller, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Fred C. Holder, Fred R. Horner, Paul A. Horne, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, Charles E. S. Kraemer, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Scott Lindsay, T. A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, R. S. Maclin, III, Frank A. Mathes, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, R. L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, F. R. McAlister, Sr., A. J. McKelway, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Warren G. Nance, Lee Nichols, French B. O'Shields, W. R. Otey, III, H. Lewis Patrick, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., E. P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C.

Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, Robert H. Teed, R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Robert Turner, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Malcolm R. Williamson, Kenneth Woodard, Earl MacCormac.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Frank H. Caldwell, George L. Ducker, Leighton Ford, Arthur S. Gatewood, Hunter Hill, Robert S. Hough, James S. Mann, N. D. McCarter, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Charles M. Murray, James H. Shackelford.

MINISTERS EXCUSED MONDAY EVENING:

J. A. Beard, Glenn L. Hill, A. M. Keith, Eugene P. Poe, James E. Ratchford, W. B. Ward, David E. Wilkinson, Edward C. Wilson, E. B. Cooper, Thomas W. MacLean, Lee Nichols, Warner L. Hall.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: C. L. Cheshire, Jr., T. J. Nash, III, Laura Buzard, J. Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, W. D. Cotton; Albemarle Road, Banks Massey; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Bill E. Sigmon; Avondale, John E. W. Clark; Badin, A. D. Beach; Banks, Robert Earl White; W. H. Belk, G. S. Morrison; Benton Heights, J. T. Springs; Bethany, Roy Snipes; Bethlehem, Brent Haigler; Caldwell Memorial, E. Ward Flowers; Calvary, H. Herbert Blackwell; Camden, Charlie Moore; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Central Steele Creek, J. Floyd Baker; Charlotte First, F. A. Cash, Roswell T. Mallory, Jr.; Christ, Harry F. Porter; Clanton Memorial, Mrs. Allen W. Estridge, Jr.; Cook's Memorial, Richard Abernethy; Cornelius, R. A. Atwell; Covenant, J. B. Kuykendall, Jr., George E. Setzer, W. Delbert Turner, Hobart Walker; Davidson College, Majorie McCutchan; East, Ralph S. McNatt; First Union, Riley E. Morton; Forest Hill, Charles A. Hunter; Hickory Grove, Sam E. Lewis; Hopewell, W. M. Barnette; Huntersville, J. Y. Barnette; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Reuben Tomberlin; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Mallard Creek, J. W. Oehler, Jr.; Matthews, D. R. Cofer; McGee, Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay, C. A. Cross; Memorial, John Ragan; Monroe First, Lyn Keziah; Morven, John Wall; Mulberry, O. W. Cunningham; Myers Park, Alfred O. Canon, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, W. M. Untz; Norwood, David C. Lee; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Paw Creek, Andy Harrington; Philadelphia, J. B. Bigham, W. A. McWhirter; Plaza, Robert W. Elmore, Mrs. Helen Hill; Pleasant Hill, Jack L. Caldwell; Providence, Donald S. Kellam, Jr.; Quail Hollow, Earle E. Priestaf; Ramah, Otis C. Gray; Ridgecrest, Grover Furr; Robinson, Jack R. Dagenhart; Robinson, C. W. Kelly; St. Giles, Walter Steele; Sardis, H. H. Hendrickson, Mrs. W. G. Anderson, Mrs. R. N. Provence; Seigle Avenue, Mrs. Edith M. Gardner; Selwyn Avenue, Alton M. Faires, D. G. Kimbrell; Sharon, Mrs. J. H. Shaw; Siler, Fleet Davis; Smallwood, Bobbie Berry; South Tryon, George H. Venable; Steele Creek, F. Wayne Berryhill, B. J. Brown; Stephenson. D. L. Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, Donald M. MacKay, L. P. Hunter, Jr.; Third, O. W. Connell, Jack Cathey; Thomasboro, Howard Counts, Ross Miller; Trinity, Lacy S. Sellars, Mrs. Kitty M. Sellars; Turner, Charles Biggers; Walkersville, Mitchell Tyson; Waxhaw, W. N. Davis, Jr.; Westover Hills, Jane L. Carriker; Westover Hills, Floyd L. Bumgarner; Williams Memorial, William W. White.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Beulah, Hawley Memorial, Lee Park, Marshville, New Salem, Rehoboth, St. John, Unionville, Wadesboro, Westminster.

CHURCH EXCUSED: Salem.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Mary DeWitt Dukes, Ruth Farrior, Mary Gray, Carlita Hunter, Anne Hopkins, Virginia H. Jones, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Harold Smith, Anne Vickers.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Charles Hunter, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman
W. B. Ward
W. R. Otey, III
John Clark (Avondale)
Earl E. Priestaf (Quail Hollow)
W. D. Cotton (Albemarle First)

RESOLUTIONS

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman
C. L. Cheshire, Jr.
E. E. Washington
Sam Lewis (Hickory Grove)
B. J. Brown (Steele Creek)
Howard Counts (Thomasboro)

TELLERS

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman
Robert O. Freeman
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
E. Banks Massey (Albemarle First)
Baxter Bigham (Philadelphia)
H. H. Hendricks (Sardis)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
A. M. Keith
David E. Wilkinson
Jack Caldwell (Pleasant Hill)
O. W. Connell (Third)
Lloyd Baker (Central Steele Creek)

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket. It was amended and adopted.

THE DOCKET (February 24, 1975—7:30-9:30 P.M.)

1. Opening Address by the General Presbyter—Robert J. James
2. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—Administered by F. B. O'Shields, Jr. and Charles C. Cowsert

3. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren. Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time.
4. Election of Moderator, Charles Hunter, Moderator-Nominee
5. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
6. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings) Warner L. Hall
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess on February 25, 1975).
8. Communication from Annuities and Relief—Gene Witherspoon
9. Report of Treasurer—Miss Beatrice Kiser

9A. Report of Locust Administrative Commission—Roy W. Coker

10. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee (PART I) C. C. Cowsert

THE DOCKET (February 25, 1975—9:00 A.M.)

11. Opening Worship—Presbytery Reconvenes
12. Report of Committee on Arrangements—F. B. O'Shields, Jr.
13. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr
14. Interpretation Committee (Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the **Book of Church Order**)—Earl R. MacCormac
15. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
    RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
16. Report of Commission on the Minister—Zane M. Moore
17. Report of Personnel Committee—George Stovall
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
18. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—(PART II)—C. C. Cowsert (First Order after Lunch)
19. Report of Committee to Edit Manual of Presbytery—Robert Turner (Second Order After Lunch)
20. Calls for Pastors and Supplies
21. Commissions to be Appointed
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
22. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
23. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
24. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

An invitation to hold the **May, 1976** meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery at Pleasant Hill Church was accepted.

The Communications were read by the Stated Clerk:

1. Certificate of Dismission of W. L. Kline, Jr., Fayetteville Presbytery, and Minister-elect of the Memorial Church.

2. Minutes of Commissions to install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JAMES H. McKINNON, JR. AS PASTOR OF SHARON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON JANUARY 12, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on January 12, 1975 at 10:45 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Lawrence I. Stell, John B. Rogers, Jr., John R. MacKinnon, and William Smith who was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Randolph Norton, A. Ward McKeithen, W. J. McKinnon, and Jasper Johnson and Harry R. Smith invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by A. Ward McKeithen. Randolph Norton was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. William R. Smith read the Scripture and John R. MacKinnon had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by William R. Smith on the topic "People, Priests and God".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Sharon Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Reverend James H. McKinnon, Jr. had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Sharon Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by John B. Rogers, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Lawrence I. Stell.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by John B. Rogers, Jr.

Randolph Norton
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR KENNETH E. WOODARD AS PASTOR OF NEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on January 12, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: E. L. Daniel, Jr., Horace E. Stoessel, Zane M. Moore, Robert J. James. RULING ELDERS: Larry Griffie, Harry Kirk, W. T. Alexander.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by E. L. Daniel, Jr. Zane M. Moore was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Horace E. Stoessel read the Scripture and Robert J. James had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Horace E. Stoessel on the topic/text: "Expectations"—I Corinthians 12:27-13:7.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Newell Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then declared that Kenneth E. Woodard had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Newell Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Harry Kirk.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Zane M. Moore.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Larry Griffie.

Zane M. Moore
Secretary

A communication from the Board of Annuities and Relief was read to Presbytery by Eugene F. Witherspoon, Administrative Assistant of the Board. It was received as information.

The Mecklenburg Presbytery Statistical Summary and Financial Report for the year 1974 were presented by the Central Treasurer, Miss Beatrice Kiser. These reports were adopted by Presbytery.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Church Year—1974

Ruling Elders	1,283
Deacons	1,036
Profession of Faith	660
Other Gains	1,619
Losses	2,699
Communicants	34,610
Adult Baptisms	183
Infant Baptisms	371
Sunday School Enrollment	20,847

1.	Assembly's Causes	$ 399,590
2.	Synod's Causes	295,886
3.	Presbytery's Causes	206,122
4.	Total Budgeted Benevolences	901,598
5.	Assembly's Non-Budgeted Causes	108,408
6.	Synod's Non-Budgeted Causes	125,191
7.	Presbytery's Non-Budgeted Causes	27,291
8.	Congregational Missions	315,433
9.	Miscellaneous	211,364
10.	Total Non-Budgeted Benevolences	787,687
11.	Total to all Benevolences	1,689,285
12.	Current Expenses	4,255,690
13.	Building and Capital Expenditures	951,831
14.	Total Disbursements	6,896,806
15.	Total Income	6,962,442

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY CENTRAL TREASURER
FINANCIAL REPORT — 1974
BENEVOLENCES

BALANCE, JANUARY 9, 1974		$ 24,773.64
RECEIPTS:		
Benevolences	$914,827.07	
Rent: 17th St.	741.90	
Interest: Presbyterian Foundation	8,358.16	
N. C. Sales Tax Refund	318.18	
Refunds: C. E. Workshops, Hunger T/F	1,045.96	
Journal Entry from Business Fund	1,824.47	
Scholarships, Memorials & Misc. Funds	5,173.54	932,289.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$957,062.92

DISBURSEMENTS

I. G.E.B. Budgeted	$388,749.00	
Easter, Famine Relief, etc.	27,426.64	
II. Synod of North Carolina	294,600.00	
Barium Springs & Presbyterian Home	20,687.18	
III. Mecklenburg Presbytery		
A. Commission on Minister	1,746.98	
B. Council	20,068.95	
T/F. on Counseling	10,268.50	
C. Court Meetings	232.08	
D. Deployment and Sustentation	67,369.31	
E. Institutional Ministries	16,992.58	
F. Christian Education	23,266.65	
G. Pre-Ordination And Examinations	4,427.13	
H. Pre-Ordination And In Service Training	137.60	
I. Specialized Ministry	19,419.74	
J. Research—Strategy	4,883.02	
K. World Missions	496.26	
L. T/F on Hunger	1,440.33	
Sub-Total: Budgeted	902,211.95	
Birthday Offering—WOC	2,184.45	
World Day of Prayer	10.25	
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	1,000.00	
Scholarships, Memorials & Misc. Funds	4,566.42	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		909,973.07
BALANCE, JANUARY 15, 1975		$ 47,089.85

BUSINESS FUND

BALANCE, JANUARY 9, 1974		$ 12,055.36
RECEIPTS:		
Business Fund from Churches	$ 95,364.18	
S. B. Alexander Fund, Interest	6,024.62	
N. C. Sales Tax Refund	154.21	
From: Savings	1,361.22	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		102,904.23
		$114,959.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Office of General Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Salaries, Taxes, Social Security	$ 34,721.46	
Annuity	3,720.00	
Hospitalization	788.79	
Discretionary Fund	1,100.32	
Postage, Supplies, etc.	3,578.87	
Telephone	1,568.96	
Disability Insurance	120.96	
Study Allowance	35.00	
Sub-Total	$ 45,634.36	
General Presbytery Expenses		
General Assembly Assessment	$ 35,987.64	
Synod of N. C. Assessment	19,405.10	
Hosting Presbytery	1,000.00	
Presbytery Minutes	1,654.70	
Parking	397.30	
Assistant Clerk	200.00	
To: Benevolences—Journal Entry	1,824.47	
Sub-Total	$ 60,469.21	
To: Savings Account, Jan. 31, 1974	8,856.02	
Sub-Total	$ 8,856.02	
Total Disbursements		114,959.59
BALANCE—January 15, 1975		$ .00

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BUSINESS FUND		
Bal. Jan. 31, 1974	$8,856.02	
Interest	410.36	
Total	$9,266.38	
Disbursements	1,361.22	$ 7,905.16
BENEVOLENCES		
Bal. Jan. 15, 1974	$8,594.02	
Settlement: Right of Way Nations Ford Rd.	4,520.00	
Interest	484.79	$ 13,598.81
TOTAL		$ 21,503.97

The report of the Locust Church Administrative Commission was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. Presbytery voted to receive and admit the report to the records of Presbytery and to adopt the recommendation.

The Administrative Commission is pleased to report that we are encouraged by the recent development in the Locust Presbyterian Church. The situation is stabilizing and the spirit is good.

On January 19, 1975 the Presbyterian Churches of Stanly County held a Rally in the Locust Church. Over 200 persons from the seven Stanly County churches were present for a covered dish supper and a program which followed. This gave the church a real boost.

We look forward to the election of Ruling Elders and the organizing of a Session at an early date.

A matter of first priority is the finding of the right person for the congregation to call as their minister. We wish to express our thanks to the Presbytery for making funds available for a minister during this transition period through the Deployment and Sustentation Committee and the Council of Presbytery.

We continue to need the prayers of Presbytery and its members.

The Administrative Commission makes the following recommendation:

That in accordance with the provisions of **Book of Church Order** par. 10-6, the Rev. Dr. W. M. Boyce, Sr. (who is now serving the Locust Church as interim pastor), be given the powers of an Evangelist, for a period not to exceed twelve months or until a Session is elected and installed in the Locust Church, whichever shall occur first. And that he be given the power to receive and dismiss members, and to instruct, examine, ordain, and install Ruling Elders.

Part I of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, the report of the Sub-Committee on Candidates was presented by the Chairman, Leonard W. Topping. The following recommendations were adopted by Presbytery:

1. That the name of Shirley Ann Gilliam, at her own request, be removed from the Roll of Candidates.

2. That Ralph H. Husband, Jr., a member of First Church, Charlotte, and a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, be received under the supervision of the Committee.

3. That Sally Lodge Henderson, a member of First Church, Charlotte, and a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, be examined with a view to her reception as a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of Miss Henderson. She made a statement concerning her Christian experience and her motives for seeking the ministry. This statement was sustained as satisfactory, and Presbytery voted to receive Miss Henderson as a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A charge was delivered by G. Carswell Hughs and D. Scott Lindsay offered a prayer in behalf of the new Candidate.

The Moderator declared that Sally Lodge Henderson was a Candidate under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and pronounced the benediction.

The meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 25, 1975.

SECOND DAY

The Court reconvened at the appointed time.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by Burns W. Stuart and Mrs. Margaret Barnes Peery, Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, preached the sermon on "A Surprising Reversal" based on Mark 16:1-8.

The Host Pastor, French B. O'Shields, Jr., extended a cordial welcome to all those attending Presbytery and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by Russell M. Kerr and adopted.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken action in a number of fields that would be of interest to Presbytery. These are reported as information.

(1) A study is being made of the printing done by the Presbytery. This relates particularly to the **Mecklenburg Presbyterian** and the **Minutes of Presbytery.** It is our hope that more economical methods can be used and that the appeal of the publications can be enhanced. This study will continue to go forward.

(2) The Council endorsed the invitation of the Presbytery's Task Force on Women in Church and Society to the Assembly's Task Force on Women in Church and Society to hold a hearing on women in our Presbytery.

(3) The plans of the World Mission Committee setting a minimum goal of $50,000.00 for the special Witness Season Offering were heartily approved.

(4) The property at 210 S. Gardner Street has been put on the market as directed by Presbytery.

(5) In January the Council held an all day meeting at which time it entered into a serious discussion of the structure of the Council and more effective ways of carrying out its responsibilities. A good portion of the day was spent in a process of goal setting and the establishment of priorities for the work of the Presbytery. It is expected that the results of this consultation will be continually studied and it is hoped that the results of the planning will have a positive effect through the year.

(6) The Council commended the Committee on Deployment and Sustentation for setting specific guide lines to be used in working with churches in connection with requests for particular support.

(7) The recommendation from the Research and Strategy Committee that the committee appoint a Task Force to study the best possible ways to plan for major gifts apart from the regular budget was approved.

(8) Information concerning the consultation with the G.E.B. Staff in Atlanta was sent to all congregations. At the writing of this report 60 representatives from a good cross section of the churches of the Presbytery plan to attend. This project has aroused interest on the part of the other Presbyterians as well as the G.E.B. Staff. It is hoped that it will prove effective in increased communication.

(9) The Council approved the following allocations to complete the benevolence program for 1974:

Traditional operating balance needed	$18,000.	Possibly needed for	
South Tryon Day Care Center	1,000.	D.C.E. Salary	$ 3,000.
Smallwood program	1,000.	Supplement for Locust	10,000
Smallwood renovation completion			
Consultation for Ruling and Teaching Elders with	3,000.	World Missions (Witness Season)	8,000.
G.E.B. Staff	3,000.	TOTAL	$47,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery authorize and empower the Trustees to sell any

securities, stocks, etc. that may be received by Presbytery as soon as feasible without sacrificing the value of the securities.

2. That Presbytery appoint a Bicentennial Committee made up of five persons to be nominated by the Personnel Committee at this meeting or the May Stated Meeting.

As a part of Council's report, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman of Deployment and Sustentation Committee, presented the following recommendations which were adopted.

1. $30,000 in the form of $10,000 for each of three years beginning in 1975 be allocated to Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church, to be repaid to Presbytery beginning not later than the year following the amortization of their present bond program, plus 5% per annum interest on the amount received payable annually beginning on January 1, 1976;

2. WITH the provision that each year Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church increases its benevolent giving to Presbytery's, Synod's and General Assembly's causes over its high year after 1974 to these same causes, that each $2.00 of their increase to these causes shall cause to be forgiven $1.00 of this loan, to be applied first against capital funds.

As the last order before morning recess, James E. Ratchford, was elected Moderator-Nominee for the May Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting was resumed at 10:45 A.M.

Additional communications were read by the Stated Clerk. They were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The report of the Interpretations Committee (Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the **Book of Church Order)** was presented to the Court.

The following motion was adopted:

1. That the court vote on the Amendments to the **Book of Church Order** by standing.
2. That where there is a considerable minority, the vote be counted and the actual result be reported to the General Assembly.
3. That where the results of the vote is undisputed, the Presbytery simply report its vote as FOR or AGAINST.

The Proposed Amendments to the **Book of Church Order** were presented by Warner L. Hall, Zane M. Moore, Leonard W. Topping and Charles C. Cowsert. Careful consideration was given to each of the 28 proposed amendments and the vote on each of them was as follows:

Report of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg

	For		Against	
1. Sec. 4-2:	For	X	Against	
2. Sec. 16-7(8)	For		Against	X
3. Sec. 16-7(9)	For		Against	X
4. Sec. 25-2	For	X	Against	
5. Sec. 26-3	For	X	Against	

6.	Sec. 26-3	For X	Against
7.	Sec. 26-3	For	Against X
8.	Sec. 26-6	For X	Against
9.	Sec. 17-1	For X	Against
10.	Sec. 17-3	For X	Against
11.	Sec. 17-4	For X	Against
12.	Sec. 24-3	For	Against X
13.	Sec. 24-4	For X	Against
14.	Sec. 24-12	For X	Against
15.	Sec. 16-5	For X	Against
16.	Sec. 27-5(1)	For X	Against
17.	Sec. 27-5(4)	For	Against X
18.	Sec. 27-6 27-7 27-8 27-9 27-10 27-11	For X	Against
19.	Sec. 25-7	For X	Against
20.	Sec. 28 29 30 31 32 33	For	Against X
21.	Sec. 28-3	For X	Against
22.	Sec. 25-1	For X	Against
23.	Sec. 21-2	For X	Against
24.	Sec. 25-5	For X	Against
25.	Sec. 25-3	For	Against X
26.	Sec. 28-3 28-4 29-5	For	Against X
27.	Sec. 28-4	For	Against X
28.	Sec. 22	For X	Against

Presbytery took recess at 12:45 P.M. for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order of Business after Lunch, the report of the Transfer Division of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was presented by the Chairman, John B. Rogers, Jr.

Mr. Rogers presented for examination by Presbytery John Richard Crawford, Covenant Presbytery, and Professor of History at Montreat-Anderson College; William Lawrence Kline, Jr., Fayetteville Presbytery, Minister-Elect of Memorial Church; and G. Wallace Johnson, Augusta-Macon Presbytery, and Minister-Elect of Providence Church.

These brethren made statements concerning their Christian experience. They were then examined concerning their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Kline and Mr. Johnson were placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See the Report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of their calls). Mr. Kline was then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Crawford were enrolled pending receipt of their Letters of Transfer.

The following Commission was appointed to install Mr. Kline:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL W. L. KLINE, JR. AS PASTOR OF MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Frank Covington, To preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

William G. Katibah, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Homer Phifer, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Arthur S. Gatewood.

W. O. Nelson. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

RULING ELDERS:

W. G. Carrier (Selwyn Avenue).
Forney Michael (Paw Creek).
Howard C. Sharpe (Paw Creek).

The following Commission was appointed to install Mr. Johnson.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL G. WALLACE JOHNSON AS PASTOR OF THE PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Glenn B. Robinson, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Eldon D. Wadsworth, To preach the Sermon.

RULING ELDERS:

William A. White (Myers Park), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Robert C. Craig (Providence).

Duane L. Baker (Providence).

C. Franklin Jacks, Chairman of the Ordination Division of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, presented

Margaret Barnes Peery, a member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, a candidate for the ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and a graduate of Queens College and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Presbytery voted to approve as satisfactory the sermon delivered by Mrs. Peery at the morning session of Presbytery.

Mrs. Peery was then examined as to her Christian experience and on her knowledge of theology, the sacraments and Church government, and the English Bible. After questions from the floor, the examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

Presbytery then adopted a motion to ordain Mrs. Peery in accordance with Section 27-2 of the **Book of Church Order.** The following Commission was appointed to serve in this capacity:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN MARGARET BARNES PEERY IN THE DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

John B. Rogers, Chairman, To Preside.

Balmer H. Kelly, To preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

Ms. Doris Ann Rossell, To deliver the charge to the Minister. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

Jon W. Regen, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation (Church). (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

D. Scott Lindsay, Prayer.

Fred C. Holder.

Albert G. Peery, Jr. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

Ms. Edna Mason. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service).

RULING ELDERS:

James B. McMillan (Charlotte First), To propound the Constitutional Questions.

Donald A. Barnes (Davidson College Church).

Ms. Adeline Ostwalt (Davidson College Church).

Albert G. Peery. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

The report of the Committee to Edit the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery was presented by Robert Turner. Presbytery adopted a motion that Mr. Turner's report on the Manual Revisions be received and approved as FIRST READING.

The report of the Personnel Committee was made by the Chairman, George O. Stovall. This report was adopted.

PART I—COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Gabe C. Hill (Sharon) to replace Anthony E. Abbott (Davidson College) Class of 1975

EVALUATION AND REVIEW: Mrs. Frank Funderburk (Monroe First) to replace Mrs. Margaret Kitchen (Benton Heights) Class of 1977

WORSHIP: Hugh Neisler (Pageland) to replace G. B. Carrier, Jr. (Selwyn Avenue) resigned, Class of 1975.

PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS: Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road) to replace Rufus King (Providence) Moved from Presbytery. Class of 1977

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY: Daniel Brooks (Carmel) to replace Ross Miller (Thomasboro) Class of 1977.

PART II—COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—1975

The following Ministers, Ruling Elders and Youth Delegate were elected as Principal and Alternate Commissioners to attend the 1975 Meeting of the General Assembly to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina June 14-20, 1975:

MINISTERS

Principals:

Charles C. Cowsert
G. Carswell Hughs
Richard P. Shaw
James E. Ratchford
R. W. Rayburn
George L. Ducker
G. Eliot Dixon

Alternates:

A. J. McKelway, Jr.
Frank C. Wilkinson
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
Glenn L. Hill
Robert S. Hough
Robert E. Burnett
J. A. Luddy, Jr.

RULING ELDERS

Principals:

Charles A. Hunter (Forest Hill)
Alfred O. Canon (Myers Park)
Mrs. Sam T. Favor (Effie) (Avondale)
J. Y. Barnette (Huntersville)
Mrs. Edith L. McLendon (Oakboro)
Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)
Hugh Neisler (Pageland)

Alternates:

Mrs. Morgan B. Speir, Jr. (Charlotte First)
Dr. Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
Ewell P. Somers (Hopewell)
Mrs. Ray H. Waltman (Dorothy) (Philadelphia)
Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
Philip R. Hedrick (Westminster)
J. W. Zimmerman, Jr. (Williams Memorial)

YOUTH DELEGATE

Principal:

Wilma Jean Reichard (Amity)

Alternate:

William Kenneth Wilson, II (Albemarle First)

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Zane M. Moore. In connection with this report, Mr. C. Graham Reid, Jr. was granted the privilege of the floor for explaining 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This statement was received as information.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was adopted by Presbytery.

Since the November 19, 1974 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister has met on December 19, 1974 and on January 21, 1975. Matters coming from those meetings which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of December 19, 1974:

1. The Reverend Mr. George Kline Preston, III, of Cherokee Presbytery, was approved for a possible call to become Pastor of the Benton Heights Church, Monroe, N. C.

2. The Reverend Dr. D. Scott Lindsay was cleared for reception of the call to become Associate Minister of The First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. Dr. Lindsay is currently serving this church as Assistant Minister.

3. In response to the request of The Reverend Mr. Charles N. Clegg that he be dismissed to the Greenleaf Evangelical Missions or Covenant Community Fellowship of Montreat, N. C., the Commission recommends to Presbytery that, upon receipt of a letter certifying his reception as a minister of The Covenant Community Fellowship of Montreat, N. C., the Stated Clerk is authorized to remove from the ministerial roll of Mecklenburg Presbytery the name of Charles N. Clegg without censure.

4. We recommend the following changes in terms of call be approved by Presbytery:

(1)	Richard P. Shaw	Salary	$ 420.
	Albemarle Rd. Pres.	Housing Allow. (Instead of manse provided)	4,560.
		Continuing Educ. Allow.	200.
(2)	Steven E. Barrett	Salary	360.
	Camden Pres.	Auto Allow. Increase	120.
		Contin. Educ. Allow.	120.
(3)	Frank C. Wilkinson	Salary	600.
	Calvary	Auto Allow. Increase	200.
		Contin. Educ. Increase	105.
(4)	James A. Cannon	Salary	240.
	First Union	Auto Allow. Increase	360.
		Contin. Educ. Increase	200.
		Change from A.R.P. to U.S. Annuity	12%
(5)	Eldon D. Wadsworth	Salary	1,000.
	Hopewell		
(6)	Vernon H. Dodd	Salary Decrease	100.
	Hopewell	Auto Allow. Increase	700.
		Professional & Contin. Educ. Increase	400.
(7)	Frank A. Mathes	Salary	800.
	Huntersville		
(8)	Kenneth P. Craig	Salary	1,112.
	Mallard Creek	Auto Allow. Increase	200.
(9)	Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	Salary	900.
	McQuay Memorial	Auto Allow. Increase	200.
		Contin. Educ. Decrease	100.
(10)	William Edwards	Auto Allow.	500.
	First, Monroe	Book Allow.	50.

(11) J. E. Ratchford	Salary	600.
Norwood First	Auto Allow. Increase	200.
(12) Edward B. Cooper	Salary	900.
Pageland, Salem		
(13) Roy W. Coker	Salary	165.94
Pleasant Hill	Auto Allow. Increase	200.
	Contin. Educ. Increase	100.
(14) Marcus B. Prince, III	Salary	848.
Quail Hollow	Auto Allow. Increase	100.
(15) Grady E. Dixon	Salary	600.
Ridgecrest	Auto Allow. Increase	200.
(16) James W. Eller	Salary	500.
Robinson	Auto Allow. Increase	300.
	Contin. Educ. Increase	200.
(17) George L. Ducker	Salary	300.
Westover Hills	(Note: this is 300 more than the 600 approved by Presbytery at its November meeting, making a total increase in salary for 1975 of $900.)	
	Auto Allow. Increase	500.

5. The Reverend Mr. Robert O. Freeman was approved as Stated Supply of W. H. Belk and Clanton Memorial Presbyterian Churches and Moderator of the two Sessions for the Calendar Year 1975. His role as "caretaker" for the Charlotte Area Clergy Association for the year 1975 was also approved. The terms of this agreement are as follows:

1. Financial:	**TOTAL**	**BELK**	**CLANTON MEMORIAL**
Salary	$ 8,400.00	$4,200.00	$4,200.00
Auto	1,200.00	600.00	600.00
Housing Allow.	3,800.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Utilities	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	$14,400.00	$7,200.00	$7,200.00
12% Annuity	1,728.00	864.00	864.00
Major Medical	460.00	230.00	230.00
Vacation	one month	one month	one month
Study Leave	two weeks	two weeks	two weeks
Continuing Education	$ 200.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
GRAND TOTAL	$16,788.00	$8,394.00	$8,394.00
SOURCE OF INCOME:	Belk	$8,394.00	
	Clanton	8,394.00	
	TOTAL	$16,788.00	

2. Relation to the Charlotte Area Clergy Association: Mr. Freeman has been asked to serve as Coordinator in a "caretaker" role during 1975 for remuneration of $150.00 per month.

3. The two Sessions have each approved their respective churches assuming their full half of the pastoral remuneration, requesting that Presbytery hold in reserve the amount already approved in case it is needed during the year.

6. The Reverend Mr. Henry S. Robinson was approved as Occasional Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem for the Session of Marshville Presbyterian Church for January-March, 1975. He is to work with them and to explore possibilities for Marshville to call a pastor who will also give pastoral oversight to Hawley Memorial and New Salem.

7. The Reverend Mr. John Carriker was approved as Stated Supply of Banks Presbyterian Church and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session for the year 1975.

From the meeting of January 21, 1975:

8. At his own request, and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship of the Reverend Leonard H. Bullock with the Thomasboro Church, effective February 28, 1975 in order that he might accept a call to the Granada Presbyterian Church, Coral Gables, Florida. A letter of transfer was authorized to be sent to the Presbytery of Southern Florida, Presbyterian Church of America.

9. The Reverend William Lawrence Kline, Jr. was cleared for a possible call to the Memorial Church.

The terms of the call of the Memorial Church to the Reverend Dr. William Lawrence Kline, Jr. as pastor were found in order, (with the provision that the **dollar amounts** for "Annuity" and "Group Insurance" be omitted.) The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$8,400.00
Car Allowance	1,200.00
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Annuity—Full Amount	1,300.00
Group Insurance—Major Medical for Minister & Family	432.11
Utilities—(To be increased if this amt. proves insuff.)	600.00
Continuing Education Fund or Books	300.00
Moving Expenses—Including Initial Hook Up	
Four Weeks Vacation	
Two Weeks Study Leave	

10. The Sub-Committee recommends the following increases in terms of call be approved by Presbytery:

THOMAS W. MacLEAN, Avondale	Car Allowance	$ 200.00
R. LEE NICHOLS, Avondale	Salary	800.00
	Car Allowance	200.00
	Housing Allowance	600.00
	Continuing Educ.	200.00
ROBERT S. MACLIN, III, Bethlehem	Salary	600.00
	Car Allowance	200.00
ZANE M. MOORE, Central Steel Creek	Salary	900.00
ROBERT W. RAYBURN, Christ	Salary	450.00
J. HAROLD McKEITHEN, JR., First, Albemarle	Salary	670.00
ARTHUR S. GATEWOOD, First, Albemarle	Salary	600.00
	Car Allowance	200.00
	Housing Allowance	300.00
WILLIAM G. KATIBAH, JR., Forest Hill	Salary	768.00
	Car Allowance	300.00
	Utilities Cost	200.00
	Continuing Educ.	200.00
JENNINGS B. REID, Hickory Grove	Car Allowance	200.00
	Housing Allowance	800.00
	Utilities Cost	200.00
	Continuing Educ.	100.00

JOHN LUDDY, McGee	Salary	700.00
WILLIAM A. DYSARD, JR. Mulberry	Salary	926.00
	Car Allowance	200.00
	Continuing Educ.	200.00
GLENN LEE HILL, Ramah	Salary	600.00
	Car Allowance	200.00
	Continuing Educ.	200.00
FRENCH B. O'SHIELDS, JR., St. Giles	Salary	500.00
	Car Allowance	375.00
	Continuing Educ.	50.00
LEWIS W. BLEDSOE, Steele Creek	Salary	1,800.00
	Car Allowance	400.00
R. ZACH THOMAS, III, Steele Creek	Salary	300.00
	Car Allowance	200.00
	Housing Allowance	300.00
HORACE H. HILTON, JR. Sugaw Creek	Salary	3,000.00
ROBERT E. BURNETT, Williams Memorial	Salary	400.00
	Continuing Educ.	80.00
	Reimbursement for Soc. Security	100.00

11. The Reverend Marcus B. Prince, Jr. was approved as Stated Supply for the Altan-Bethany Churches for January-March, 1975 and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session.

The Commission on the Minister met on Monday, February 17, 1975. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

1. The Reverend G. Wallace Johnson of Augusta-Macon Presbytery was approved for a possible call to serve as Pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church.

2. Mr. James Craig Butler, a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery and a Senior in Louisville Seminary, was approved for a possible call to serve as Pastor of the Benton Heights Church, Monroe, N. C.

3. Reports have been received by the Commission on the Minister on the present status of Ministers on the Roll of Mecklenburg Presbytery who have been granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.

   David G. Boyce, David C. Hambrick, Jr., and Fred R. McAlister, Jr. continue to serve as Chaplains in the Armed Services of the United States. All of them make periodic reports to Mecklenburg Presbytery and they are conforming to all the requirements set forth in the **Book of Church Order.**

   Neil C. Leach and Laura Buzard, who are laboring outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery, have made oral reports to the Commission on the Minister and they are meeting all the requirements of the **Book of Church Order.**

   Paul W. Beazley, Daniel L Durway, Hunter R. Hill, Charles M. Murray, Javan W. Reid, Jr., Leighton S. Ford and James H. Shackelford were granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery for the year 1975.

4. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Dr. Charles C. Cowsert was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church.

5. The Commission reports to Presbytery that ministers are not eligible for the tax exempt retirement plan described in the Internal Revenue Code HR-10, commonly called the "Keogh" plan, but ministers are eligible under the plan described in the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3), which is a "Tax Sheltered Annuity" that is informal (Being informal means that Presbytery, Sessional, or Diaconate approval is not necessary and the minister or other full-time church employee selects the individual plan which best suits his needs and deducts the amount saved from his Federal Income Tax). This plan, 501 (c) (3), presents an opportunity for present tax saving and future retirement security to the minister.

   The Commission requests that Presbytery grant Mr. C. Graham Reid, Jr. the privilege of the floor to speak to Presbytery for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes during the Commission's report for the purpose of explaining 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Other plans are available that ministers should investigate, if interested. The Commission on the Minister will refer ministers to competent persons in a position to assist if such a request is made.

6. Each presbyter should inform the Session and the minister of the papers in the packet concerning Federal Income Tax Savings for Ministers on Furnishings, Appurtenances, and Utility Expenditures.

7. The Commission on the Minister recommends that the following changes in terms of call be approved by Presbytery:

(1)	W. A. Cochrane, Jr. Amay James	Salary Auto Allow.	$ 600. 200.
(2)	Charles L. Kirby Caldwell	Salary Contin. Educ.	1,200. 150.
(3)	W. R. Aughinbaugh Cooks Memorial	Salary Auto Allow.	840. 120.
(4)	Douglas W. Oldenburg Covenant	Salary	959.
(5)	William B. Ward Covenant	Salary	906.
(6)	Fred R. Horner Covenant	Salary	907.
(7)	Earle D. Roberts Covenant	Salary	1,000.
(8)	John B. Rogers, Jr. Davidson College	Salary Car Allow.	1,000. 300.
(9)	Robert S. Hough East	Salary Car. Allow.	480. 120.
(10)	Edward C. Wilson Indian Trail	Salary Car Allow. Increase for S.S. payments	600. 200. 100.
(11)	William Edwards, II Monroe First	Auto Allow.	500.
(12)	Warren G. Nance, Sr. Matthews	Salary Car Allow.	850. 200.
(13)	Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. Myers Park	Salary	2,100.
(14)	Jeff Aiken, Jr. Paw Creek	Salary	780.
(15)	Zachary T. Piephoff, Jr. Plaza	Salary	600.

(16)	Thornton W. Tucker	Salary	50.
	Sardis	Car Allow.	300.
		Utilities Allow.	250.
(17)	Robert E. Smith	Salary	130.
	Sardis	Car Allow.	300.
		Housing Allow.	250.
(18)	Emanuel E. Washington	Salary	400.
	Smallwood	Auto Allow.	200.
(19)	Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Salary	600.
	Seigle Ave.	Auto Allow.	200.
(20)	Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Salary Decrease	1,000.
	Third	Auto Allow.	800.
		Housing Allow.	1,200.
(21)	A. Jackson Morrison	Auto Allow.	800.
	Third	Contin. Educ.	50.
(22)	Henry Louis Patrick	Salary	977.
	Trinity		
(23)	Rodney Corwin Shoemaker	Salary	600.
	Trinity	Auto Allow.	200.
(24)	Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	Salary	300.
	Walkersville	Contin. Educ.	200.
(25)	J. Arthur Beard	Salary	825.
	Westminster	Housing Allow.	120.
(26)	Russell M. Kerr	Salary	500.
	Philadelphia		
(27)	Robert H. Teed	Salary	190.
	Philadelphia		
(28)	C. L. Cheshire, Jr.	Salary	352.
	Wadesboro First	Car Allow.	500.
(29)	A. Rudolph Hendricks	Salary	400.
	South Tryon	Car Allow.	250.
		Housing	80.

8. The commission would report the following changes in terms of call for Christian Educators:

(1)	Mary Carol Michie	Salary	520.
	Seigle Ave.		
(2)	Anne Vickers	Salary	600.
	Sardis		
(3)	Anne Ramsey Hopkins	Salary	395.
	Trinity		
(4)	Harold C. Smith, Jr.	Salary	1,000.
	Caldwell		
(5)	Mrs. Tom Wilkerson	Salary	500.
	Myers Park		
(6)	Miss Eleanor Belk	Salary	500.
	Myers Park		
(7)	Sarah Wilson	Salary	368.
	Paw Creek		
(8)	Mary Gray	Salary	600.
	Davidson	Auto Allow	300.

9. The Commission would report that the following churches of those listed above provide no continuing education allowance:

a. Amay James
b. Cooks Memorial
c. East
d. Indian Trail
e. Monroe First
f. Myers Park
g. Smallwood
h. Seigle Avenue
i. Trinity
j. Westminster
k. Philadelphia
l. Lee Park-Beulah

10. The Commission would report that the following churches have sent no report on changes in terms of call and would remind these churches that changes in terms of call must be approved by Presbytery: Amity, Bethel-Cornelius, Charlotte First, St. Andrews and Turner-Siler.

11. The Commission would report that all churches reporting meet the minimum terms of call of Presbytery for 1975 with the exception of those previously listed as providing no continuing education funds and with the exception of Philadelphia Church which does not come up to Presbytery's minimum for 1975 for Robert H. Teed and Lee Park and Beulah churches do not come up to Presbytery's minimum 1975 terms for Robert C. Benson. The Commission is working with these churches in regard to the terms of their call.

12. The Commission would report that in response to its letter that Mulberry Church reports that it is providing $200 continuing education allowance for William Dysard and this should be added to his change in terms of call. The Commission has had no response from the following churches to which letters were sent concerning continuing education:

a. Bethlehem
b. Christ
c. Albemarle First
d. McGee
e. Sugaw Creek
f. Waxhaw
g. Siler-Turner

13. Motion was adopted that an active retired minister be asked to make a pastoral visit on behalf of the Commission to those twelve persons in Mecklenburg Presbytery who are receiving ministerial relief from the Board of Annuities and Relief and that funds be authorized to cover necessary travel expense for such visits.

14. Dr. Lawrence I. Stell was approved as stated supply for St. John Church for March-April-May and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session.

15. A Motion was adopted that the Commission recommend to Presbytery that Dr. John R. Crawford be received by Presbytery, pending the successful completion of his examination by Presbytery and that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for one year as a professor at Montreat-Anderson College, Montreat, North Carolina.

16. A Motion was adopted that the Commission recommend to Presbytery that Margaret Peery be ordained to the Minstry of the Word and Sacraments, under provision of the BCO, 27-2, pending the successful completion of her examination by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed for her ordination.

The Court then moved to the consideration of the Standing Committee reports.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was made by the Chairman, Charles C. Cowsert.

The following Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the 1973 Paris Peace Agreement and the subsequent withdrawal of American troops have not accomplished the cessation of hostilities in southeast Asia,

Whereas increasing conflicts in southeast Asia continue daily to result in the injury and death of innocent men, women and children,

Whereas the President of the United States has requested supplemental aid in the amount of $522 million, beyond the level previously approved by Congress for expenditure in 1975, for the prosecution of the war in that area,

Whereas the Congress is now faced with an imminent vote upon the President's request for supplemental aid,

Whereas the American Government still has great capacity as a conciliatory agent in the world as well as a reputation for desiring to alleviate suffering and eradicating hunger wherever possible,

Whereas the ministry of the Christian Church is to proclaim a message of reconciliation,

Therefore be it resolved that Mecklenburg Presbytery, meeting in session at the St. Giles Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, N. C. on February 24-25, 1975, petition the President of the United States, the State Department, the members of the Foreign Relations Committee and the members of the Armed Services Committee and the Congress:

1. To utilize the influence, resources, and other good offices of the United States, official and unofficial, toward the reconciliation of all parties involved in the conflict in southeast Asia.
2. To continue its great humanitarian tradition as a agent of reconstruction and rehabilitation offering its services to all who will accept it.
3. To refrain from increasing military spending through the use of supplemental aid beyond the level previously approved by the Congress.
4. To cease and desist from sending American personnel, military or civilian, to southeast Asia for military purposes as either visitors or advisors.

An Overture to the General Assembly was adopted as follows:

Whereas the General Assembly has before it for consideration a **Proposed Book of Confessions** and a **Proposed Form of Subscription,**

and

Whereas the creeds, confessions, catechisms and declarations which comprise the contents of this **Book of Confessions** treat with various and sometimes different aspects of the Christian faith and represent various and sometimes different standings in both history and tradition, and

Whereas these documents constitute no single system of doctrine such that the rejection or amendment of one requires the rejection or amendment of all, and

Whereas the General Assembly may thus appropriately judge each document on its own merits.

Therefore the Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the

General Assembly to divide the question on the **Book of Confessions** and the **Form of Subscription** in the following way:

1) that the Assembly reassert its desire for a Book of Confessions,
2) that the documents in the **Proposed Book of Confessions** be taken up and voted upon **seriatim,** and
3) that the **Proposed Form of Subscription** be taken up and voted upon apart from the **Proposed Book of Confessions.**

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by A. Merrell Keith. This report was adopted and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Chairman, Robert W. Rayburn. The report was adopted.

First, we want to thank Almighty God for touching the heart of the Pastor, the Session, and the members of St. Giles Presbyterian Church to invite and open the doors of their beautiful house of worship to host the 13th stated meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Then, we want to commend them for their warm and sincere welcome; and their gracious and heart-felt cordiality that caused us to have a feeling that we belong.

For the inspiring and uplifting song fest given by the Youth Group prior to our meeting and for the plain, yet wisely spoken address on "The State of the Church" given by our General Presbyter on Monday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m., we are grateful.

For the most appetizing and delicious meal served by the Women of the St. Giles Church in an atmosphere conducive to a joyous fellowship; for the wonderful way in which the staff of the church have met our various needs, making this meeting a grand experience, we are also grateful.

Our heart felt thanks and deep appreciation, coupled with our prayer for the continued blessing of God, as St. Giles carries forth the mission of Christ, are again expressed.

Under unfinished business, another Overture to the 1975 General Assembly was adopted by Presbytery.

"In the event the proposed amendment to the **Book of Church Order** by adding a new Chapter 28 is defeated, Mecklenburg Presbytery overtures the General Assembly to submit Chapter 28 again, but with permissive rather than compulsory language, and encouraging such continuing professional development for ministers."

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and adopted. The Court stood and W. G. Katibah, Jr. led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Presbytery stood adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 27, 1975 at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Amity Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
April 29, 1975

The Presbytery met at 2:30 P.M. and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles A. Hunter. The Host Pastor, Fred C. Holder, offered the opening prayer.

The Enrollment was taken as follows:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., W. R. Aughinbaugh, J. H. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Roy W. Coker, Harold Corkey, E. L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, Arthur S. Gatewood, Finley M. Grissett, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, Carswell Hughs, Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, G. Wallace Johnson, William G. Katibah, Jr., Russell M. Kerr, Larry Kline, Jr., Scott Lindsay, J. Wendell Ligon, John A. Luddy, Jr., Fred R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, R. Lee Nichols, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, Z. T. Piephoff, E. P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., Lawrence I. Stell, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, Emanuel E. Washington, David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Dan L. Durway, C. F. Jacks, Charles L. Kirby, Neely D. McCarter, Neil McMillan, Margaret Barnes Peery.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Mary DeWitt Dukes, Ruth Farrior, Judy Fletcher, Carlita Hunter, Virginia H. Jones, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Harold C. Smith, Jr., Anne Vickers, Sarah K. Wilson.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, William D. Cotton; Albemarle Road, Banks Massey; Amity, James J. Putman; Avondale, Mrs. S. T. Favor; Bethel, Herbert B. Knox; Caldwell Memorial, E. W. Flowers; Calvary, J. Oscar Gant, Sr.; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Charlotte First, David C. Black, Thomas M. Mayfield, Jr.; Christ, John M. Fleming; Cook's Memorial, R. H. Abernethy; Covenant, James B. Kuykendall, Jr., W. D. Turner; Forest Hill, Charles A. Hunter; Hopewell, C. W. Kidd; Indian Trail, James Maness; Matthews, J. William Russell; Memorial, Thomas O. McCorkle; Morven, Thomas H. Whitley; Myers Park, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, R. D. Keistler; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Paw Creek, Forney E. Michael; Philadelphia, J. B. Bigham, W. A. McWhirter; Plaza, Mrs. H. S. Cuthbertson, Albert D. Leopold; Providence, Robert C. Craig; Quail Hollow, Earl E. Priestaf; Sardis, Mrs. Etta Anderson; Selwyn Avenue, Mrs. E. G. Cochrane, D. G.

Kimbrell; Steele Creek, F. Wayne Berryhill, B. J. Brown; Walkersville, Sam Aldridge; Westminster, H. F. Deese; Williams Memorial, Don P. Brown.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Bethlehem, Clanton Memorial, Ramah, Waxhaw.

A quorum was declared present.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator appointed the Attendance Committee, composed of J. Arthur Beard and Glenn L. Hill.

The Call for the meeting was read, found in order, and was as follows:

> The requirements of the **Book of Church Order** having been met, I hereby call Mecklenburg Presbytery to meet on Tuesday, April 29, 1975 at 2:30 P.M. in the Amity Presbyterian Church for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the Special Search Committee for an Associate in Christian Education and any other matters arising therefrom.

The report and recommendation of the Search Committee for an Associate in Christian Education for Mecklenburg Presbytery was presented by the Chairman, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. and adopted.

> On May 28, 1974, in its stated meeting at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church the Presbytery of Mecklenburg officially marked the retirement of Virginia Henderlite Jones after 10 years of faithful and effective service as Director of Christian Education for the Presbytery.
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> At the same meeting the Presbytery adopted a new job description for an Associate in Christian Education to succeed Mrs. Jones, and it designated a Search Committee to recommend a person for this office. That committee was composed of two members of Presbytery's Council (The Rev. Russell M. Kerr and the Rev. J. Harold McKeithen), two members of the Christian Education Committee (The Rev. Laura I. Buzard and The Rev. Fred C. Holder), the Presbytery Director of Christian Education (Mrs. Virginia Jones), and the General Presbyter (The Rev. Robert J. James). I was elected by the committee to serve as its Chairman, and I come today to report on our work and to make a recommendation which by its adoption will, I hope, bring our work to conclusion.
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> The job description which has guided us in our search defines the responsibilities of the Associate in Christian Education in relation to Presbytery, to local churches, to ministers and D.C.E.s and to Synod and General Assembly.
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> In relation to Presbytery we have looked for a person who would be able to assist the Christian Education Committee in defining goals, establishing objectives and implementing strategies for Christian nurture at the Presbytery level and who would also be available as a professional resource to other Presbytery committees as time permits. We were also looking for a person who would be able to supervise and promote the use of multi-media resources owned by Presbytery.
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> In relation to local churches we have searched for a person who would take the initiative in establishing contact with the churches of our Presbytery and would be available to them to help with educational planning, curriculum building, leadership training and program evaluation.
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> In relation to Ministers and D.C.E.s our search has been for a person whom the pastors and professional educators of our Presby-

tery would value as a consultant and counselor and friend, one who could help them discover ways in which their personal skills might be enhanced and their sense of fulfillment in their work deepened.

And finally, in relation to Synod and General Assembly we have looked for an Associate who would provide liaison between our Presbytery and other courts of the Church where educational matters are involved.

Our committee believes that the job description adopted by Presbytery adequately describes the main areas of work for which we need a professional staff person. We also believe that it does not in any way limit or pre-define the direction which our educational program may take in the future.

Obviously, a person capable of carrying out the responsibilities in this job description must have some special qualifications and skills. Before we actually began our search we had to ask ourselves what kind of person we were looking for. We decided that in terms of personal qualities we were looking for a highly motivated and creative enabler and leader, a warm person, sensitive to the feelings of others and possessing a high level of self-esteem. The person we are going to nominate today has all of those personal qualities. As far as skills were concerned we listed the following as being desirable:

1. Theology and Christian Education
2. Human Relations and Group Dynamics
3. Organization Development
4. Teaching Methods
5. Human Development and Learning Theories
6. Counseling
7. Curriculum Development
8. Problem Solving Techniques
9. Media
10. Research
11. Communication

In addition, we felt that our Associate should have had experience as a Christian educator at the grass roots level. We realized that in all probability we would not discover a candidate who possessed **all** of these skills, but we felt that we needed someone who possessed as many as possible. Once again, we are convinced that the person we are going to recommend brings general strength in most of the areas I have mentioned.

Having in mind, then, the job that needs to be done in our Presbytery and the type of person needed to do it, our committee began its search. We made contact with and solicited recommendations from all of the ministers and D.C.E.s in our Presbytery, the Division of Professional Development in Atlanta, the Presbytery Executives of the Synod of North Carolina, and from the presidents and professors of Christian Education at PSCE and at Austin, Columbia, Louisville and Union Seminaries. From the beginning, of course, we maintained communication with our own Commission on the Minister. From the Division of Professional Development we requested the Data Form of every person suggested to our committee, and in the course of our work we received and studied with care the Data Forms of forty-five persons. On the basis of this initial study we separated our potential candidates into "Primary" and "Secondary" categories and then sought additional information and letters of reference on those persons in the Primary group. A period of personal contacts and interviews followed; and that process, pursued steadily and prayerfully, led us ultimately to the candidate whom we will recommend today. I think the Presbytery should know that throughout this entire process our committee has worked by consensus. Where feelings and opinions have been at variance we have worked until we have found ground on which we could all stand. A high level of candor and trust among us has made this possible, and as a result we are able to make our recommendation today with unity and with confidence.

Mr. Moderator and members of Presbytery it is our pleasure today to place in nomination for the position of Associate in Christian Education for Mecklenburg Presbytery, Captain Fred Ranson McAlister, Jr., a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery and, since 1973, Director of the Advanced course at the U.S. Naval Chaplains School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Capt. McAlister is 48 years old and is a native of Union, South Carolina. He was graduated from Davidson College in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Education. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1953 and the Master of Theology degree in Christianity and Society from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1967.

Capt. McAlister and his wife, Lillian, are the parents of three children, Louise, Mary Beth, and Andrew. The family has been residing in Charlotte while Fred completes his final tour of duty with the Navy.

In the course of his career thus far, Capt. McAlister has served as a case worker with the Iredell County Dept. of Public Welfare (1949-50), pastor of the Linwood Presbyterian Church of Gastonia (1953-55), pastor of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church of Forest Park, Georgia (1955-56), and as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy since 1956. He will retire from the service on June 30th of this year. Selfishly, our committee is very happy about that decision to retire. The Navy views it with considerable regret since, in the opinion of Admiral Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr., he would have been a prime candidate for selection to the rank of Rear Admiral had he chosen to remain on active duty. That prospect existed not so much by virtue of tenure as by virtue of the fact that through the years Fred has continued to study, to develop his skills and to grow professionally. According to Admiral Hutcheson, "He has acquired an impressive level of competence in the areas of management, participative education, and group facilitation. Both of his last two assignments in the Navy were specialized ones, requiring unusual skills in these areas, for which he was specially selected. His present assignment, on the staff of the U.S. Navy Chaplains School, is one of the most selective ones in the chaplaincy, and his performance in it has more than justified the choice."

Now, granting the excellence of Capt. McAlister's Navy career, these is still a question that needs to be faced and answered. What is the justification for calling to the post of Christian educator for our Presbytery a Navy chaplain who did not go to PSCE, does not hold a degree in Christian education from some other school and has not been a Minister of Education or a D.C.E. in a local church? The justification, in our opinion, is that Fred McAlister possesses in abundance the educational skills, the theological awareness, the Christian commitment, the personal motivation and the ability to communicate which this job requires. In response to my request, he sent me the curriculum of the Advanced Course for chaplains which he and his staff designed and implemented. It is impressive both in its scope and depth, and it is only one of a number of different educational programs in which he has been involved through the years as a designer, trainer of leaders, and provider of resources. In the letter which accompanied these materials, Capt. McAlister included two short paragraphs which I want to share with you. He wrote:

> "Since student days in the Advanced Course I have been interested in and concerned with the education process, theories of education, how people learn, and how to involve people in the education process both as learner and teacher. Reading and observation have been the ways I have tried to keep abreast, and various programs have provided me opportunities to try out skills and knowledge."

"While I do not consider myself an expert in the area of Christian education, I do feel that I have a lively and workable understanding of the learning process, I have an understanding of people, know where to go for information and resources, understand the planning process, and have some facility in getting people to do things."

On the basis of our extensive explorations and conversations with Capt. McAlister, our committee is convinced that those statements are an accurate self-assessment and that they reflect the areas of competence that are of primary importance in the position we are seeking to fill. Without benefit of the more traditional programs of training in Christian education with which we are all familiar, Fred McAlister has achieved an impressive level of knowledge and experience which is going to enable him to provide us with the kind of leadership we need in our development of Christian education. And his personal warmth and perceptiveness and loving spirit are going to add to his effectiveness.

Our committee does feel, however, that his re-entry into the civilian ministry in this specialized capacity will be enhanced by direct involvement in some training and orientation experiences. He shares that feeling and has contracted with our committee to participate in the full 1975 summer term at PSCE, to spend a period of orientation at the Synod's and General Assembly's offices in Raleigh and Atlanta, to engage in directed study through PSCE during this coming fall and to participate in the January 1976 term at PSCE. Those experiences will fill in some gaps resulting from his work outside the bounds of our church and will have him almost halfway toward the achievement of the Master's degree if he should choose to pursue it.

Without objection, the question to be voted on was divided and a motion was made, seconded, and adopted to extend to Captain Fred Ranson McAlister, Jr. a call to become Associate in Christian Education for Mecklenburg Presbytery, effective September 1, 1975. The vote was 76 for and 16 against.

The following request was presented to Presbytery by Fred C. Holder: "I respectfully request abstentation from voting on the call to Mr. McAlister. I came prepared to vote yes, but after the debate, I could no longer vote in favor of this motion, and as a member of the Search Committee, I choose to abstain."

Presbytery then voted to approve the terms of the call to be extended to Mr. McAlister.

1. Salary	$9,000.00
2. Housing and Utilities Allowance	2,400.00
3. Automobile Allowance	1,200.00
4. Stipend for Continuing Education	200.00
5. Two Weeks for Continuing Education	
6. Total Dues for Annuity Fund	
7. Major Medical and Life Insurance	
8. An Amount Equal to ½ of Annual Social Security Payments	
9. One Month Vacation	
10. Moving Costs	

A motion to adopt as a whole the report of the Search Committee for an Associate in Christian Education for Mecklenburg Presbytery was made. There was a second to this motion and it was adopted by the Court.

Presbytery voted that Presbytery's Council in consultation with Mr. McAlister plan for his installation at the September Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Attendance Committee was read by J. Arthur Beard and adopted. See Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Robert W. Rayburn. This report was adopted.

On behalf of Mecklenburg Presbytery, our appreciation is expressed to the Amity Church for its gracious hospitality and its willingness to offer its facilities to the Called Meeting of Presbytery. We would acknowledge again with gratitude God's continued manifest blessing upon us in the Lord's work in His Church, and His providences over us all.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

There was a motion to adjourn, a second to this motion, and it was adopted. The Court stood, and Russell M. Kerr offered the closing prayer and benediction.

Robert L. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

The Fourteenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 27, 1975

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 27, 1975.

The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles A. Hunter. After the singing of the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," Robert S. Hough offered the opening prayer.

The message was delivered by the Moderator on the topic, "Law or Laws," based on Genesis 1:1, 26, Psalms 46:10 and Psalms 25:4.

A quorum was declared present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Steven E. Barrett, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, John A. Carriker, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Crawford, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, George L. Ducker, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., Robert O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Arthur S. Gatewood, Finley M. Grissett, Warner L. Hall, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, Clive F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, W. Larry Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Tom A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., R. S. Maclin, III, Earl R. MacCormac, John R. MacKinnon, T. W. MacLean, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Alexander J. McKelway, Jr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, R. L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas Jefferson Nash, III, Lee Nichols, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Rush Otey, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., E. P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rodney C. Shoemaker, Horace E. Stoessel, R. E. Smith, Jr., Lawrence I. Stell, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. Edwin Wayland, Sr., Frank C.

Wilkinson, David E. Wilkinson, Malcolm R. Williamson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Daniel L. Durway, J. David Fletcher, Leighton Ford, Fred R. Horner, D. Scott Lindsay, Neely McCarter, Margaret Barnes Peery.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Vernon H. Dodd, A. Rudolph Hendricks, H. Louis Patrick, Earl D. Roberts, J. E. Smylie.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, W. D. Cotton; Albemarle Road, Ralph Killough; Altan, Odus Doster; Amity, John E. Butler; Avondale, Mrs. S. T. Favor; Badin, W. B. Ward; Banks, Dallas Stephenson; W. H. Belk, Gilmer S. Morrison; Benton Heights, Ralph Williams; Bethany, Roy Snipes; Bethlehem, J. Brooks Long; Calvary, Bobby Overcash; Camden, Tom Hildreth; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Central Steele Creek, James W. Price; Charlotte, First, Dolph M. Young, Jr., A. Ward McKeithen; Christ, John M. Fleming; Clanton Memorial, Mrs. Harvey B. Hunter; Cook's Memorial, D. E. Featherstone; Covenant, J. B. Kuykendall, Jr., J. Pat Thompson, George E. Setzer, George S. Sennicks; Davidson College, Lawrence M. Kimbrough; East, Russell H. Adkins; First Union, Phil Holshouser; Forest Hill, Lucille G. Hunter; Hickory Grove, Mrs. Richard L. Wright; Huntersville, C. Herbert Smith; Hopewell, W. Vance McElroy; Indian Hill, A. R. Williams; Indian Trail, T. A. Biggers; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, George Deaton; Marshville, Ben F. Parker; Matthews, Lex Hood; McQuay, Lawrence A. Norman; Memorial, Ross Hendrix; Monroe, First, Frank Funderburk; Morven, John Wall; Mulberry, William Potts; Myers Park, Charles M. Marshall, Alfred Canon, Richard A. Bigger, Jr., William A. Sanford; Newell Paul Stewart; Norwood, Mrs. Glendale Thompson; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Pageland, Hugh Neisler; Paw Creek, Howard C. Sharpe, Sr.; Philadelphia, Ralph E. Howell; Plaza, Joel E. Stegall, Jr., Matthew W. Crowder; Pleasant Hill, Nancy C. Choate; Providence, Henry D. Niven; Quail Hollow, L. S. Miller; Ramah, Tom Brown; Ridgecrest, Archie B. Harwood; Robinson, L. F. Miller; Salem, Tom Moore; St. Andrews, H. M. Irwin, Jr., St. Giles, Stan Elrod; St. John, Stewart E. Odham; Sardis, L. Hunter Pharr, Joseph M. Clark; Seigle Ave., Summers Tarlton; Selwyn Avenue, Alton M. Faires, D. G. Kimbrell; Siler, Fleet Davis; Sharon, W. H. Riddle; Steele Creek, Mrs. Marjorie B. Weaver, Joseph O. Brown; Stephenson, Joseph C. Rorie; Sugaw Creek, E. J. Rust, T. W. Hunter; Third, Boyce Foard, James M. Harding; Thomasboro, S. Marvin Cathey, Harrill Gray; Trinity, Lacy S. Sellers; Turner, Bill Plyler; Williams Memorial, Charles P. Thacker.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Walkersville, Waxhaw, Westover Hills.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Hawley Memorial, Rehoboth, South Tryon.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Ruth Farrior, Virginia H. Jones, Anne S. McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Anne Vickers.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, James E. Ratchford, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was amended and adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Presbytery Convenes
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, Reverend James E. Ratchford, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee—Warner L. Hall)
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—Zane M. Moore
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Part I, C. C. Cowsert
10. Report of Presbytery's Council—Russell M. Kerr
11. Report of Trustees—Willis I. Henderson
12. Report of Commission on the Minister—Zane M. Moore
    LUNCH: 12:30 -1:30 P.M.
13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—Part II, C. C. Cowsert (First Order after Lunch)
14. Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery
    1. Evaluation and Review—Lewis W. Bledsoe
    2. Christian Education—Fred C. Holder
    3. Institutional Ministries—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D.
    4. Research and Strategy—Roy W. Coker
    5. Deployment and Sustentation—Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
    6. Specialized Ministry—William B. Ward
    7. World Missions—Finley M. Grissett, Jr.

    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
15. Report of Personnel Committee—George O. Stovall
16. Report of Committee to Edit Manual of Presbytery (SECOND READING) Robert Turner
17. Commissions to be Appointed
18. Unfinished Business: Attendance, Resolution of Thanks, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The following motion was adopted:

That the docket be amended so as to allow, prior to recess, a full thirty minutes for the purpose of hearing sermons by Candidates for Ordination—the recess being either as now scheduled at 10:15 A.M. or later if necessitated, in order to accommodate this amendment;

That for the hearing of the three sermons by the three Candidates

Presbytery be divided into three groups, according to colored name tags, with each group meeting in a separate facility with an assigned member of the Ordination Committee:

That subsequent to the hearing of a sermon and a fifteen minute recess (at 10:30 A.M. or later if required) Presbytery reconvene in the sanctuary to continue the floor examinations of the three Candidates.

The host Pastor, Zane M. Moore, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

Charles B. Hunter (Forest Hill), Chairman
W. D. Morton
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.
Jacob Goodman (Westminster)
Archie B. Harwood (Ridgecrest)

Resolutions

Thomas W. MacLean, Chairman
Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
Glendale Thompson (Norwood)

Tellers

Marcus B. Prince, III, Chairman
Glenn B. Robinson
A. Merrell Keith
Boyce Foard (Charlotte Third)
Howard Sharpe (Paw Creek)
William Potts (Mulberry)

Attendance

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
J. E. Wayland, Jr.
Edward B. Cooper
J. B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
George Deaton (Mallard Creek)
Joe Clark (Sardis)

The following Communications were read by the Stated Clerk:

1. Certificates of Dismissal for the following Ministers: Roger P. Melton from Bethel Presbytery and Minister-Elect of the Altan and Bethany Churches; George H. V. Hunter from Concord Presbytery and Minister-Elect of the Badin Church; and W. Chester Keller, Honorably Retired from Suwannee Presbytery.

2. Certificate of Dismissal of Thomas K. Reinowski, Candidate under care of the Presbytery of the Pines and Associate Minister-Elect of the Selwyn Avenue Church.

3. The Minutes of Commissions to ordain and install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR W. LAWRENCE KLINE, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on March 9, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman, W. O. Nelson (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service), W. G. Katibah, Jr., Arthur S. Gatewood, and Homer Phifer (invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service). RULING ELDERS: W. G. Carrier and Forney Michael.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Arthur S. Gatewood. Forney Michael was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. W. G. Katibah, Jr. read the Scripture and W. G. Carrier had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by W. G Katibah, Jr. on the topic/text: "What's My Line?" from I Peter 2:9 and 10.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Memorial Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that W. Lawrence Kline, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Arthur S. Gatewood.

A Charge to the congregation was delivered by Homer C. Phifer.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by W. O Nelson.

Forney E. Michael
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR MARGARET BARNES PEERY TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT (UNDER BCO 27-2) IN THE DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on April 6, 1975 at 10:15 A.M. at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman; Fred C. Holder, David Scott Lindsay. The following Ministers were invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service: Ms. Doris Ann Rossell, Albert G. Peery, Jr., and Ms. Edna Mason. William H. Terry was invited by the Commission to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: James B. McMillan, Donald A. Barnes, Ms. Adeline Ostwalt and Albert G. Peery who was invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by John B.

Rogers, Jr. Donald A. Barnes was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Donald A. Barnes and Albert G. Peery read the Scripture and David Scott Lindsay had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Ms. Edna Mason on the topic/text: "The Kingdom's Power in a Touch"; Isaiah 61:1-3 and Matthew 8:1-4.

James B. McMillan stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance. He then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. James B. McMillan propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Davidson College Congregation representing the Denomination and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. She then rose and the members of the Commission gave her the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Margaret Barnes Peery had been regularly ordained to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

A Charge to the Minister was delivered by Ms. Doris Ann Rossell.

A Charge to the Church was delivered by Fred C. Holder.

Following prayer and singing, the new Minister pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Albert G. Peery, Jr.

Donald A. Barnes
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR G. WALLACE JOHNSON AS PASTOR OF THE PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on April 13, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: E. L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman; Glenn B. Robinson, Eldon D. Wadsworth. RULING ELDERS: William A. White, Duane L. Baker, Robert C. Craig.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer. William A. White was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading, which was from Luke 5:1-11 read by E. L. Daniel, Jr.

The sermon was preached by Eldon D. Wadsworth on the topic "Launch Out! Let Down! Surprise!"

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Providence Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that G. Wallace Johnson had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Glenn B. Robinson.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by William A. White.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by William A. White.

William A. White
Secretary

Roy W. Coker was elected Moderator-Nominee for the September Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery divided into three groups to hear sermons by Candidates for ordination. Following the sermons, the Court took a fifteen minute recess.

The Presbytery reconvened at 10:40 A.M.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Ordination, C. Franklin Jacks, presented the Candidates for Ordination. James Craig Butler, Minister-Elect of Benton Heights Church; Thomas Karl Reinowski, Associate Minister-Elect of Selwyn Avenue Church; and Donald Eric Stroud, Minister-Elect of the Marshville Church.

Dr. Jacks reported that Mr. Butler and Mr. Stroud met all the requirements of the **Book of Church Order**, and that the theological thesis and exegesis were satisfactory to the Committee.

Dr. Jacks then made the following motion: That Presbytery consider the almost complete requirements for Doctor of Ministry from Union Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, by Thomas K. Reinowski, as satisfying the requirements of the **Book of Church Order** for at least three years of seminary training. There was a second to this motion and it was adopted. Mr. Reinowski's theological thesis and exegesis were satisfactory to the Committee.

Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of the Candidates in accordance with the provisions of **Book of Church Order** 27-5. Mr. Butler, Mr. Reinowski and Mr. Stroud each made a statement concerning his Christian experience and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. These statements were sustained as satisfactory.

These brethren were then examined on their knowledge of theology, the sacraments, Church government and English Bible. After questions from the floor, the examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Butler, Mr. Reinowski and Mr. Stroud were placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See Report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of the calls.)

The following Commissions were appointed to ordain and install these brethren:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL JAMES CRAIG BUTLER AS PASTOR OF THE BENTON HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

T. W. Tucker, To preach the Sermon.

John A. Carriker, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

John E. Butler (Amity), To deliver the charge to the Congregation.

Edmund B. Clark, Jr. (Sardis), Final Prayer.

J. Thomas Springs (Benton Heights), Presentation of Candidate.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL THOMAS KARL REINOWSKI AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Neil M. McMillan, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

C. F. Jacks, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

J. Frank Alexander (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service).

RULING ELDERS:

Alton M. Faires (Selwyn Avenue), To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor.

G. Douglas Aitken (Avondale).

James B. Kuykendall (Covenant).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL DONALD E. STROUD AS PASTOR OF THE MARSHVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Henry S. Robinson, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Zane M. Moore, To preach the Sermon.

Robert W. Rayburn, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS

J. E. Stroud (Christ) To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Fred Hargett (Marshville).

William B. Young (Central Steele Creek).

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That Mr. Butler, Mr. Reinowski and Mr. Stroud be required by Presbytery to read the books, "The Baby Is Baptized," by Dr.

Stuart Oglesby, and “Baptism in The Presbyterian Church”, by Dr. Harry Goodykoontz.

The Court recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after Lunch, the Chairman of the Transfer Division, John B. Rogers, Jr., presented George H. V. Hunter, Minister-Elect of the Badin Church, Roger P. Melton, Minister-Elect of the Altan and Bethany Churches, and W. Chester Keller, Honorably Retired, to be examined for reception into Mecklenburg Presbytery.

These brethren made statements concerning their Christian experience. They were then examined on their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The floor was opened for questions. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Hunter and Mr. Melton were placed in their hands and by them accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of the calls extended them.

Mr. Melton, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Keller were then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers. Commissions were appointed to install Mr. Melton and Mr. Hunter as follows:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ROGER P. MELTON AS PASTOR OF THE ALTAN AND BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

M. B. Prince, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions and to deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

T. Duke Williams, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Jack Baker (Altan).
Don Doster (Bethany).
Otus Doster (Altan).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL GEORGE H. V. HUNTER AS PASTOR OF THE BADIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Earle D. Roberts, To preach the Sermon.

Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

James B. McMillan (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. (Albemarle First).

Norris Jeffrey (Badin).

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, presented the report of Presbytery's Council. The report was amended and adopted as a whole.

During the past several months the Council has been engaged in setting and ordering objectives for the work and service of the Presbytery. Included in our report today is a proposed list of objectives, drawn from a study of **Mecklenburg 21,** a position paper from the General Presbyter, and the subsequent discussion of the Presbytery's Council.

Following the recommendation of **Mecklenburg 21,** the Property Committee has been studying the status of various properties owned by the Presbytery. Recommendations concerning individual properties will be made from time to time.

Anticipating that the **Manual of Presbytery** will be adopted on the second reading at this meeting of Presbytery, we remind the Presbytery that the **Manual** provides for further revision and corrections, and recommend that members of Presbytery continue to study the document for corrections and revisions to be brought before the Presbytery at subsequent meetings.

We call the attention of local churches to the quarterly report made to the Treasurer of Presbytery, noting funds paid direct to "persons, causes and churches". All churches are requested to be sure to make this report at the end of the second quarter so that committee budgets can be properly prepared before the September meeting of Presbytery.

The Budget-Stewardship Committee will hold hearings on the business fund budget on September 2, and the hearings on the general benovelence budget on September 30. Any suggestions concerning these budgets should be in the hands of the Committee by that time.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery the Council has allocated the following funds from the Contingency Fund:

1. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Assistance Center (Specialized Ministry)	$1,000.
2. Senior Day Care Center at Edwin Towers, sponsored by the Senior Forum and Committee on Health (Specialized Ministry)	$1,000.
3. A gift to Thomasboro Youth Ministries	$ 100.

The audit of Presbytery's books has been completed by the firm of Fullagar and Hobbs and is on file in Presbytery's office.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the objectives submitted by the Council be adopted as a part of the program of Presbytery, to be implemented by the various committees of Presbytery as indicated.
2. That the house and lot at 804 East 17th Street be sold.
3. That the Presbytery adopt the attached resolution.

WHEREAS the General Executive Board has adopted an across the board 5% reduction in salaries of its employees, and

WHEREAS this kind of reduction places a special burden on our

International Mission forces because of differentials in salary scales and because of inflationary problems in many countries, and

WHEREAS the effect of this action is to make the mission personnel bear a heavy and undue burden in order to meet the anticipated deficit in the current budget, and

WHEREAS such action further erodes the confidence of the Church at large:

THEREFORE, Mecklenburg Presbytery respectfully expresses its strong opposition to the action of the General Executive Board as it affects the mission personnel, and

Urges the General Assembly to direct the General Executive Board to find funds to restore the salaries of International Mission Personnel overseas to the former status as soon as possible.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Objectives Established at Council Retreat — January, 1975
and
Suggested Committee Responsibility

1. Move more positively in area of Leadership Development.
   (Christian Education, Commission on Minister, Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training)
2. Involve more women, lay persons, and minorities in leadership roles. (Personnel)
3. Plan training for Elders to acquaint them with Presbytery programs and their duties.
   (Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training)
4. Seek channels of communication to keep local churches informed of Presbytery and denominational programs. With local congregations emphasize and demonstrate connectional system, through support, etc. Hold committee meetings in different parts of Presbytery.
   (Staff and all committees)
5. Part-time Secretary for Commission on the Minister.
   (Commission on the Minister and Council)
6. Develop and maintain supportive programs for small churches. Recognize problems of small and inner-city churches needing special resources.
   (Deployment and Sustentation and Research and Strategy).
7. Develop system for each local church to feed concerns into decisions of Presbytery. Affirm a place for many types of congregations within Presbytery.
   (Research and Strategy, Deployment and Sustentation, and Council)
8. Annual retreat for Council and major Committee Chairmen.
   (Council)
9. Supply consultative/financial aid to churches in need of help. Catalog local church financial commitments and personal involvements for proper use of resources, benevolent and personnel.
   Develop skill bank of human resources.
   (Deployment and Sustentation, Christian Education, Council)
10. Commitment to involvement in collective ministries. Set forth expectations for each church, ministry, specialized ministry, etc. (Council).
11. Enlarge relationship with UPUSA, ARP, and others.
    (Specialized Ministries)

12. Evaluate property and funds presently held by Presbytery and consider a capital funds campaign. Search out church and land deeds to determine restrictions to sale or other use. Review investment policy.
(Research and Strategy, Council and Trustees)

13. Study facilities, location and needs of Presbytery's office. Consider establishment of Presbytery's Office in downtown Charlotte or Albemarle Road/Independence Boulevard area.
(Council)

14. Provide opportunity for Presbytery at large to provide input regarding desired goals and priorities.
(All Committees)

15. Encourage committees, calling for vigorous performance and innovative planning.
(Council)

16. Revise budget and budget procedures for 1976.
(Council)

17. Need for evangelism assistance for Presbytery.
(Specialized Ministry)

18. Seek to develop new congregations/yoke existing congregations.
(Deployment and Sustentation)

19. Move toward greater understanding of restructure and its effect on Presbytery/Synod, and G.E.B.
(Council)

20. Be more efficient in presenting ministry, and the call of the ministry to people who can provide a high level of competence and dedication.
(Pre-Ordination and Examinations)

21. Review structure and program of Task Forces on Hunger, Women and Counseling.
(Council)

22. Evaluate need for camp/conference center.
(Christian Education—Council)

23. Devise ways to help churches become acquainted with new resources, materials, and persons.
(Christian Education and Council)

24. Review and evaluate goals of churches. Assist churches, specialized ministries, etc. to evaluate program commitments and involvements.

25. Seek to reconcile factions within Presbytery through dialogue, discussion, pastoral care and listening.
(Commission on the Minister and all committees)

26. Revise and edit Presbytery's **Manual** for printing.

27. Consider feasibility of establishing a book store.
(Council)

28. Evaluate need and opportunity for providing ministry through local churches to CPCC, UNCC, Queens, (Chaplains)
(Institutional and Specialized Ministry)

29. Revise and update "A History of Mecklenburg Presbytery".

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY APPROVING SALE OF 10 ACRES ON NATIONS FORD ROAD

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg on October 26, 1974 approved the listing for sale of 10 acres of land owned by Mecklenburg Presbytery on Nations Ford Road, and

WHEREAS, Southern Real Estate and Insurance Company as agent has submitted to Mecklenburg Presbytery an offer to purchase said property on behalf of an unnamed Principal at a price of $78,500, and

WHEREAS, the Council of Presbytery at a meeting on May 27, 1975 approved the acceptance of this proposal and recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that the proposal be adopted, and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this meeting that Mecklenburg Presbytery should accept this offer subject to these further provisions:

1. That the deed to be executed by the Trustees contain the special Trustee's warranty usually given by fiduciaries in place of a general warranty called for by the proposed contract.
2. That Mecklenburg Presbytery assume its pro-rata portion of ad valorem taxes for 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery are authorized and directed to execute a deed and such other instruments as may be required to carry out the sale to the Southern Real Estate and Insurance Company assignee as aforesaid and to pay over the net proceeds of the sale to the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

AND, BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery be authorized to pay to Southern Real Estate and Insurance Company a commission of six (6) percent of the purchase price of $78,500.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery deliver the net proceeds of the sale to a savings account in the First Union National Bank to be held there until further action of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

RESOLVED FURTHER that Robert J. James as General Presbyter be authorized to sign the aforesaid contract for the sale of the property subject to the instructions set forth in this Resolution.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was made by the Chairman, Zane M. Moore. This report was amended and adopted as a whole.

Since the February 24-25, 1975 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister has met on March 18, 1975 and on April 15, 1975. Matters coming from these meetings which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of March 18, 1975:

1. We recommend the following changes in terms of call be approved by Presbytery:

(1) J. Wendell Ligon Carmel	Salary	From $11,000	To $13,000
(2) Steven E. Barrett	Salary	3,120	3,360
Morven Church	Car	400	480
	Utilities	96	240
(3) Camden	Salary	4,680	5,040
	Car	600	720
	Utilities	120	360

2. The terms of the call of the Benton Heights Presbyterian Church to Mr. James Craig Butler as Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to ordain and install him. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$8,400.00
Auto Allowance	1,600.00
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Full Annuity at 12%	
Hospitalization Insurance for Minister & Family	
Manse & all Utilities	
One Months Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
Moving Expenses	

From the meeting of April 15, 1975:

1. The Reverend Mr. George H. V. Hunter, Jr. of Concord Presbytery was approved for a possible call to serve as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Badin, North Carolina.

2. The terms of call of the First Presbyterian Church of Badin to The Reverend Mr. George H. V. Hunter, Jr. to serve as Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to install him The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$8,400.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Manse Utilities	600.00
Full Annuity at 12%	
Hospitalization & Major Medical Insurance for Minister & Family	
One Months Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
Moving Expenses	

3. The terms of calls of the Altan-Bethany Churches to The Reverend Mr. Roger P. Melton to serve as Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the calls be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of the calls are as follows:

Altan

Salary	$4,200.00
Auto Allowance	600.00
Continuing Education Allowance	100.00
Full Annuity at 12%	
Manse Utilities (Altan)	
One Months Vacation (Altan-Bethany)	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave (Altan-Bethany)	
Moving Expenses (Altan-Bethany)	

Bethany

Salary	$4,200.00
Auto Allowance	600.00
Continuing Education Allowance	100.00
Full Annuity at 12%	
Hospitalization Insurance & Major Medical for Minister & Family (Bethany Full Amount)	
One Months Vacation (Altan-Bethany)	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave (Altan-Bethany)	
Moving Expenses (Altan-Bethany)	

4. The terms of the call of the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church to Mr. Thomas Karl Reinowski as Associate Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery and that a commission be appointed to ordain and install him. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$9,400.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Manse	
Insurance, Life & Hospital for Minister & Family	
Ministers' Annuity Fund—12%	
Social Security	
One Months Vacation	
Moving Expenses	
Two Weeks Study Leave	
Option to buy present Manse at fair market value	

5. The terms of the call of the Marshville Church to Mr. Donald E. Stroud to serve as Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands subject to the successful completion of his examination and that a commission be appointed for his ordination and installation. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$8,400.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Full Annuity at 12%	
Hospitalization & Major Medical Insurance	
Manse Utilities	600.00
An Amount to Fifty Percent (50%) of Social Security	(521.40)
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
One Months Vacation	
Moving Expenses	

6. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship of The Reverend Mr. James W. Eller and the Robinson Church effective May 1, 1975 in order that he might accept the call of the Easley Church, Easley, South Carolina. A letter of transfer and commendation to the Presbytery of the Piedmont, Synod of the Southeast, was authorized.

7. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that the pastoral relationship of The Reverend Dr. Frank Alfred Mathes and the Huntersville Church be dissolved effective June 30, 1975 and that he be declared "Honorably Retired" as of that date. The Commission expressed commendation for the outstanding manner in which he has served his pastorate.

8. A MOTION was passed that the Huntersville Church be commended for the Resolutions of Appreciation which they have presented to the Commission for the service rendered by Dr. Mathes and that the church be informed that a copy of these Resolutions will be kept in the minutes of the Commission and a copy will be filed in Presbytery's Office.

9. A MOTION was passed that we recommend to Presbytery that at his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation the pastoral relationship between The Reverend Mr. Thomas W. MacLean and the Avondale Church be dissolved effective August 20, 1975 and that he be declared "Honorably Retired" as of that date.

10. Dr. Charles Cowsert was approved to serve as Stated Supply of the Thomasboro Church for April-June, 1975.

Supplement

The Commission on the Minister met on Monday, April 28, 1975 and on Tuesday, May 20, 1975. Matters coming from these meetings which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of April 28, 1975:

1. Under the provision of B C.O., 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual** of Mecklenburg Presbytery, The Reverend Mr. Russell Kerr was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Robinson Presbyterian Church Session beginning May 1, 1975 and The Reverend Mr. Wayne Aughinbaugh was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Huntersville Presbyterian Church Session beginning July 1, 1975.
2. The Terms of Call to The Reverend Fred Ranson McAlister, Jr. to become the Associate in Christian Education for the Presbytery of Mecklenburg were approved by the Commission on the Minister and submitted to the Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery meeting at Amity Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 29, 1975.

From the meeting of May 20, 1975:

1. At her own request, the Commission authorized the Transfer of Letter of The Reverend Miss Laura Buzard to the Presbytery of Atlanta in order that she might accept the call of the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta to become Associate Pastor, effective June 1, 1975.
2. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends to Presbytery that the pastoral relationship of The Reverend Dr. Eugene P. Poe and the Westminster Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective June 15, 1975, and that he be declared "Honorably Retired" for medical reasons. The Commission expressed commendation for his outstanding ministry in our midst.
3. At his own request and upon concurrence of the congregations, the Commission recommends to Presbytery that the pastoral relationship of The Reverend Mr. Edward B. Cooper and the Pageland and Salem Churches be dissolved effective June 30, 1975, and that he be declared "Honorably Retired". The Commission expressed commendation for the outstanding manner in which he has served his pastorate in Mecklenburg Presbytery.
4. Motion was adopted that we recommend to Presbytery that The Reverend Dr. C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. be given permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery for one year as a teacher at large.
5. Motion was adopted that we recommend to Presbytery that The Reverend Dr. W. Chester Keller be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina until February 15, 1976, subject to the approval of Enoree Presbytery.
6. Motion was adopted that the following changes in Terms of Call be recommended for approval by Presbytery:

Church and Pastor	**From**		**To**
(a) Beulah-Lee Park	Salary	$7,700	$8,400
Rev. Robert C. Benson	Car Allow.	1,000	1,200
	Cont Ed.		120
(b) Philadelphia	Salary	$7,800	$8,400
Rev. Robert Teed	Car	1,000	1,200

7. Motion was adopted that we recommend to Presbytery that the minimum Terms of Call for 1976 remain the same with the exception that the minimum salary be changed from $8,400 to $8,800.
8. We request permission to present those retiring with words of appreciation and a plaque at this time.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, George O. Stovall. The report was amended and adopted.

The following committee replacements and appointments were made:

SYNOD'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. and
George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY

J. E. Wayland, Jr. to replace
Fred R. Horner, Class of 1975

BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Norris W. Preyer (Myers Park) Chairman
Dr. Chalmers G. Davidson (Davidson College)
Dr. Frontis W. Johnston (Davidson College)
William A. Dysard, Jr.
Miss Elizabeth Williams (Charlotte First)

TASK FORCE ON HUNGER

Neil McMillan
Dr. John Pleasants (Trinity)
Frank Bynum (St. Giles)
James Williams (Monroe First)
Cullen Ferguson (Charlotte First)
Mrs. T. A. Little, Jr. (St. Andrews)

Note: The Personnel Committee has suggested that the Task Force on Hunger widen the scope of its work to include the counties outside of Mecklenburg, possibly with sub-committees.

Presbytery took recess at 3:00 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 3:15 P.M.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by Fred C. Holder, Chairman. The report was adopted.

During 1974-75 the Christian Education Committee has continued to carry on responsibilities assigned by the Presbytery. Before presenting the reports of the work groups of the Committee, certain significant developments need highlighting for the Presbytery.

The first is D-Day which began as a display day for Children's material and has been expanded to include the spectrum of resource material for all age groups and organizations in the church. Plans are to increase its scope next year. The people of Presbytery are reminded that since we have no book store in town that the Committee brings to you the book store at least once each year.

The second is the matter of increased cost in Camps and Conferences. Concord Presbytery, with whom we have a contract for Camp Grier, has asked for more financial commitment on our part. The leadership of Bethel Presbytery has talked with our representative concerning our use of Bethelwoods. Our churches continue to need overnight and one-day retreat facilities as well as camps in the summer. Efforts to gain access to land on the shores of Lake Norman are not active now but are subject to being re-opened. During the next year the Committee will be giving a large amount of attention to this area.

Third, the Committee has authorized the Youth Work Group to establish a Youth Ministry Advisory Board. It is the feeling that the Youth have not had, in recent years, a very high level of investment in the planning and programming for their own activities. Some of the advantages of Youth Councils of the past are sought in this revised strategy. After operating on this strategy for a time it will be evaluated.

Fourth, the Leadership Committee has given strong consideration to changing the current method of training events. One of the issues identified is the matter of training for new leaders (teachers) and in-service training for experienced leaders (teachers). Up to now, the Committee has offered a program that doesn't take into full consideration the experiences and needs of the groups attending. In addition the Committee is considering additional training opportunities which have not been offered in the past. There is a continued commitment to a program to assist teachers in the educational efforts of Presbytery.

Fifth, the entire Committee held a retreat on March 14-15 at Bethelwoods. As a result of a process of clarification of function and defining of responsibilities the Christian Education Committee saw its leadership education role in a new light. As a result, the Committee feels the need to redefine its function based on responsibilities assigned by Presbytery and revise its organization and develop different strategies for doing a more effective job. Virginia Jones has effectively led us to this openness to change and with a new person, the Committee will proceed to fulfill its leadership development functions more effectively.

The following work group reports are submitted as accountability of the past to the Presbytery and program plans for the future:

CHILDREN'S WORK

1. **D-DAY (DISPLAY DAY)** was held on Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23 at Amity Presbyterian Church. Materials for Vacation Church School, Family School, Church School, Youth activities, etc. were displayed by the Children's, Youth, Adult, Leadership and Career and Personal Counseling sub-committees. Special features were "mini-courses" on nature crafts, story telling, and creative dramatics. A total of 60 people from 20 churches attended.
2. **THE SPRING WORKSHOP** was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 27, and Monday, April 28. The new Vacation Church School material, "Vacation Ventures", was introduced in classes for nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and Junior High. A total of 80 people from 22 churches attended.

Sarah K. Wilson, Chairman

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Since the last annual report to Presbytery the Committee on Leadership Education has planned and provided the following leadership training events for the Presbytery:

1. Lab School for Church School Teachers: September 8, 3:00-8:00 P.M.—Covenant Presbyterian Church.

   This school provided practical helps for teachers from nursery through adults using the Covenant Life Curriculum materials, as well as sections for Youth Ministry and the Uniform Lesson Series for adults.

   The school was attended by over 300 teachers from a large number of churches throughout the Presbytery.

2. The Learning Event: October 27 and 28—Sardis Presbyterian Church.

   This two day event dealt with "The Crisis in the Sunday School". Examination was made of where current methods of Christian Education have failed, and ways in which Christian Education can be improved through modification of existing structures, and the adoption of new models.

   Attendance for this event was 150.

3. Learning Center Workshop: April 15 and 16, 1975—Sardis Presbyterian Church.

   This event provided opportunity for church teachers and leaders to be introduced to and experience the "atmosphere" of a Learning Center and to improve learning opportunities. (This event was not pre-planned but was offered to the Presbytery and the Committte accepted the ministry of a really able team.)
   Attendance for this event was 65.

   Plans are now underway under the leadership of the Committee to provide a Lab School for Church School Teachers in September 1975 and The Learning Event in October 1975.

Zachary T. Piephoff, Jr.
Leadership Education Committee

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

1. As in the four previous years, this year Mecklenburg Presbytery is joining with Concord Presbytery in its summer camping program at Camps Grier and Susan Barbour Jones. This program includes varied and graduated experiences in Christian outdoor camping for youth 10 to 18 years of age. It also includes a family camping opportunity.
2. This year publicity was broadened to include a slide presentation with a question and answer period, in different parts of the Presbytery. The meeting places were: Davidson College, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Avondale Presbyterian Church, Amity Presbyterian Church, 1st Church Monroe, and Badin. Churches near these meeting places were invited.
3. The Outdoor Christian Ministry Committee of Concord Presbytery has invited Mecklenburg to have three members on this Committee to enhance our participation in the total camping program.
4. The chairman of the sub-committee has visited the Director of Bethelwoods Presbytery Camp to begin exploring possibilities of some joint ventures in the camping area.

David Fletcher,
Chairman

CAREER AND PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICE

This Committee has been completely reorganized due to loss of Committee personnel. The Committee has been and is working with Adele Shields of the center at Queens College. An open house and orientation have been held at the center and other plans for getting the program into the congregation are in process. This Committee sponsors Adele Shields to speak to Presbytery today.

Harold Smith, Chairman

ADULT WORK

The matter of teacher training and curriculum orientation are handled by the Leadership Education Committee. The Adult work group has been engaged in a study of ministry to and among the elderly. They have canvessed churches and collected data on what is happening in Mecklenburg. In the near future the results of this research will be made known to the churches primarily as models of ministry that have worked. Most of the work is done and soon the results can be published. Another and more long range concern is ministry to and among the single adult (including all but with special emphasis on the young-single adult). There is some real excitement in this group about what can be developed on this ministry.

Pat Ayer, Chairman

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nov. 1974—Fall Retreat, 1st Church Albemarle. Time together included group recreation, discussions, Bible study, movies, and worship. The overall theme was values "What's important to me?" There were 65 at this retreat.

March—1975—Jr. High Spring Fling. Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. Time together included recreation, simulation game, Bible study, group discussions. Attendance: 130.

April 1975—First meeting of newly formed Mecklenburg Presbytery Youth Ministry Advisory Board. Members include: Laura Tilley, Philadelphia; Bill Newbold, Third; Wayne Peay, Seigle Ave.; Emma Beckham, Covenant; Mary Meg Smith, Davidson College; Kathy Young, Paw Creek; Willette Truesdale, Smallwood; Robert Hunt, Cooks Memorial; Dick Ridenhour, First; Melissa Moore, Steele Creek; Elizabeth Prince, Quail Hollow; Roger Smith, Albemarle 1st; Ann Holder, Amity; Tony Hinson and Mark Forbes, Mulberry. Purpose of meeting—get acquainted, brainstorm about possible youth activities and youth ministry for Mecklenburg Presbytery.

May 1975—Second meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery Youth Advisory, at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. Members installed by The Rev. Jeff Aiken during 11:00 worship. Purpose of meeting was to plan any events for youth in this Presbytery in 1975.

Future Programs:

July 8, 9, and 10—YOUTH WEEK—7:30-9:30 P.M.—Music, drama, speakers, recreation. On the last night, there will be a cookout and outdoor recreation.

October, 1975—Sr. High Retreat, Davidson College Presbyterian Church (tentative). Theme: "The Creation and Creativity".

The Youth Ministry Board is presently dealing with the question of continued Jr. High youth ministry and leadership training opportunities.

Judy Fletcher, Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The report be approved and printed in the minutes;
2. The proposed programs in the report become the basis for budget requests in the fall;
3. Adele Shields of the Career and Personal Counseling Service be heard as part of this report;
4. The Presbytery thank Virginia Jones for the additional year she has served beyond her celebrated retirement (which we celebrated last May);
5. Th Committee be encouraged to continue its work in developing different strategies for offering training and resources to the entire Presbytery;
6. That Presbytery express appreciation to members of the Committee and especially lay members who serve with faithfulness.

TASK FORCE ON WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The Task Force is nearing a turning point in its life and work. Tentative plans indicated a final report at the May, 1975 meeting of Presbytery. Due to the difficulty of getting the Task Force together to complete the final stages of the study, the report is not ready. A report is anticipated for September, 1975.

To date the Task Force has had many meetings at considerable sacrifice to the lay members of the Committee. There has been some ambiguity about its function but it has generally followed the guidelines designed by the General Assembly in asking each Presbytery to form a Task Force on the issue. The Task Force has identified goals and objectives (see Worksheet on Objectives and Goals). Some of the goals and objectives have been achieved and some have been and are being worked on.

Mecklenburg is one of 15 Presbyteries chosen by the General Executive Board to support hearings on women's concerns. Mecklenburg's hearing was March 2 and the findings were recently made available. This forms part of the anticipated report for September, 1975.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Task Force recommends that the Presbytery docket 30 minutes as an order of the day during the morning session of the September meeting to hear a final report; to consider dissolving or reconstituting the Task Force; to receive recommendations growing out of the study.

Fred C. Holder,
Co-Chairperson

WORKSHEET ON OBJECTIVES AND GOALS
TASK FORCE ON WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

OBJECTIVES:

1. Gather data on our educational task—data on the attitudes and stereo-types present in our Presbytery.
2. Gather data on the present status of women in leadership roles in the churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
3. Share the work and thought of the Task Force through Presbytery Reports, newsletter articles, and other publicity.
4. Raise the consciousness of the members of the Task Force. (Films, discussions, exercises at Task Force meetings.)
5. Survey of Church literature and education of persons to be aware of the stereo-types there.

GOALS:

1. More women serving on decision making bodies on the local church and Presbytery levels.
2. Studies offered in local churches on the role of men and women in today's church and society.
3. Dialogue created between persons in the church through publicity of the issues involved in the changing role of women in society.
4. A growth process in this area for the members of the Task Force.
5. A report to Presbytery on the status of the churches concerning the role of women and the quality of stereo-type free educational materials.

As a part of the report of the Christian Education Committee, Mrs. L. W. Topping, President of the Women of the

Church of Mecklenburg Presbytery, made a brief report which was received as information.

The Interim Report of the Administrative Commission of the Locust Church was made by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. Presbytery adopted a motion to admit this report to the records.

The Administrative Commission appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery to deal with the situation that had developed in the congregation of the Locust Presbyterian Church reports as follows:

1. We are very much encouraged with recent developments in the Locust congregation. We feel that the general attitude and the spirit have improved, and that the congregation is well on the road toward peace and harmony.

2. On April 13, 1975 a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of electing four elders. The congregation elected Coil Barbee, Leonard Barbee, Larry Baucom and Charles Fullerton as elders. Following several periods of instruction, these four were ordained and installed as elders in the Locust Presbyterian Church on May 11, 1975.

3. With the installation of a Session in the Locust Church the Administrative Commission turned over to that Session original jurisdiction of the congregation, as of May 11, 1975.

4. At the congregational meeting held on April 13, 1975 the following were elected as members of the Pulpit Nominating Committee: Larry Baucom, Chairman; Janna Hathcock, secretary; Charlie Hartsell, Erlene Fullerton, and Craven Barbee. This Committee has been instructed and is now actively seeking someone to call as the Pastor of the Locust Church.

5. We wish to express to the Rev. W. M. Boyce, Sr. our appreciation for the effective service he is rendering to the church as Stated Supply at Locust. We thank God for this dedicated servant and pray that He will continue to bless his ministry in Locust until such time as we are able to locate a pastor on the field.

The Administrative Commission appreciates the words of encouragement and the support of the members of Presbytery and we covet your continued prayers for our work.

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was presented by Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Chairman. This report was adopted.

Budget for 1975

A. SUSTENTATION OF CHURCHES		$57,500.00
1. Amay James	$ 5,000.00	
2. Calvary	4,000.00	
3. South Tryon	9,000.00	
4. Seigle Avenue	18,000.00	
5. Smallwood	13,330.22	
6. Belk-Clanton	942.00	
7. Marshville	3,600.00	
		53,872.22
Unallocated		$ 3,627.78
B. EXTENSION WORK		$28,500.00
1. Pleasant Hill	16,000.00	
2. Turner	3,500.00	
3. Amay James	4,000.00	
4. Indian Trail	5,000.00	
		28,500.00
		0.00

The report of the Committee to Edit the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery was presented by Mrs. Edith Gardner for SECOND READING. This report included a paragraph which was omitted from the first printing proposed revision of the Manual. The report was adopted.

The revised Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery was received as FIRST READING at the February Meeting, 1975. It is before us today for SECOND READING and adoption.

Following the presentation at the February Meeting, the Manual was typed and distributed. In its preparation, there was omitted on page 14 a previously adopted paragraph having to do with the functions of the Research and Strategy Committee. The omitted paragraph reads:

THESE STRATEGIES SHALL INCLUDE APPLICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF NEW CHURCHES, THE DISSOLVING OF EXISTING CHURCHES, AND THE GROUPING OR MERGING OR RELOCATING OF CHURCHES. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPLOYMENT AND SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE, OR HIS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE, SHALL SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE. IN MATTERS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ACTION BY THE DEPLOYMENT AND SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE THE RESEARCH AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPLOYMENT AND SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE. THE RESEARCH AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO OTHER COMMITTEES FOR ASSISTANCE.

Corrected sheets for the Manual including the omitted paragraph will be mailed out following this meeting of Presbytery.

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, presented the report of the Attendance Committee. This report was incorporated in the Enrollment.

Thomas W. MacLean, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions. It was adopted by the Court.

We the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery convened on this 27th day of May, 1975, at the Central Steele Creek Church, here record our thanks to Almighty God for the good gifts of life and for His providence which has brought us together on this beautiful day to serve Him as a Court of His Church.

We express our gratitude to the congregation and the Minister of the Central Steele Creek Church for their warm hospitality and their thoughtful provision for our needs and our comforts, including the delightful dinner.

To Ruling Elder Charles Hunter, our Retiring Moderator, we express our appreciation for his thoughtful and scriptural address. We here record our thanks to our Moderator, the Reverend James E. Ratchford, for his patient and competent leadership in conducting the Court's business for the day.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and adopted. The members of Presbytery stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The meeting stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 23, 1975 in the Johnston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

13th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

February 24 and 25, 1975

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Sept., 1959	Paw Creek Church	Elder Angus R. Shaw
Jan. 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Fogartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb. 1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May 1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford

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Johnston Memorial Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 23, 1975

16th Stated Meeting

Alexander Children's Center
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 18, 1975

Next Stated Meeting

Sardis Presbyterian Church
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ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S CENTER
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 18, 1975

Next Stated Meeting

SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 24, 1976

DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1976

Officers of The Presbytery:

Roy W. Coker, Moderator of September Meeting, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Kenneth P. Craig, Moderator of November Meeting, 1600 Mallard Creek Church Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Robert J. James. General Presbyter-Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (1)

1977—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

Presbytery:

Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant), Chairman, 2242 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

1976—Robert C. Hord. Jr. (Covenant) (Chm.)

1977—James Crews (Trinity)

1978—David Berryhill (Albemarle Road)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park), Chairman, 3813 Fellsway Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1976—Charles L. Kirby
1977—G. Carswell Hughs
1978—Lewis Bledsoe
1978—Richard P. Shaw

Elders

1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) (Chm.)
1977—Forney Michael (Paw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
J. K. Aiken. Jr., Chairman, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28130

Ministers

1976—W. G. Katibah, Jr.
1976—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1976—Scott Lindsay
1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—J. K. Aiken, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—T. W. Tucker
1978—Warren Nance
1978—James McKinnon

Elders

1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)
1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)
1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)
1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1978—A. O. Canon (Myers Park)
1978—Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
1978—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)

2. Commission on the Minister
Zane M. Moore, Chairman, P. O. Box 7124, Charlotte, N. C. 28217

Ministers

1976—Zane M. Moore (Chm.)
1976—Henry S. Robinson
1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth
1977—D. W. Oldenburg
1978—Edward C. Wilson
1978—Charles E. S. Kraemer

Elders

1976—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Nancy Odham (St. John)
1978—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training
Julius W. Melton, Jr., Chairman, Box 345, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers

1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)
1977—Horace E. Stoessel
1978—Fred Holder

Elders

1976—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)
1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review
Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1976—Jennings B. Reid
1977—Roger P. Melton
1978—Robert W. Rayburn (Chm.)

Lay Members

1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1977—Mrs. Frank Funderburk (Monroe First)
1978—David Beach (Badin)

2. Christian Education
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., Chairman, 2304 The Plaza, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1976—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr. (Chm.)
1976—Wallace Johnson
1976—Ken Woodard
1976—R. Zach Thomas, III
1977—Robert H. Teed
1977—Fred Horner
1977—E. E. Washington
1978—Kenneth P. Craig
1978—Robert E. Smith, Jr.

Lay Members

1976—Robert Vaughn (Westminster)
1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)
1976—Mrs. H. B. Hrabanek (Providence)
1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)
1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)
1977—Mrs. Paula Kelton (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1977—Bill Kenyon (Caldwell Memorial)
1977—Mrs. G. B. Michie (Seigle Ave)
1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)
1978—Gabe C. Hill, III (Sharon)
1978—Mrs. Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Jane Walkup (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
1978—Roger Smith (Covenant)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), Chairman, 1117 Greentree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.
1977—Glenn B. Robinson
1978—W. R. Otey, III

Lay Members

1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)
1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) (Chm.)
1978—Miss Ann Vickers (Sardis)

2. Research and Strategy

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1976—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1977—James E. Ratchford
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
1978—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
1978—W. L. Kline

Lay Members

1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
1976—W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Daniel Brooks (Carmel)
1978—William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1978—John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

C. L. Cheshire, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, N. C. 28170

Ministers

1976—Lawrence I. Stell
1976—F. A. Mathes
1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. (Chm.)
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III
1978—Frank Wilkinson
1978—Glenn L. Hill

Lay Members

1976—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)
1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)
1978—L. L. Hoover (Third)
1978—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College)

4. Specialized Ministry

William B. Ward, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1976—William B. Ward (Chm.)
1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.
1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1977—John R. MacKinnon
1978—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
1978—Tom Reinowski

Lay Members

1976—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1977—Mrs. Curtina Bradley (Smallwood)
1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)
1978—Ed Parnell (Avondale)
1978—Don Haas (First Union)
1978—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)

5. World Missions

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman, 3501 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1976—Earle D. Roberts
1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—J. Wendell Ligon

Lay Members

1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Ave.)
1978—Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

L. I. Stell, Chairman, Route 2—Box S540, Denver, N. C. 28037

Ministers

1976—Roy W. Coker
1976—Kenneth P. Craig
1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1978—L. I. Stell (Chm.)

Lay Members

1976—J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial)
1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence)
1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1978—Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Ave.)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)

2. Court Meetings

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1976—Marcus B. Prince, III
1977—David E. Wilkinson (Chm.)
1978—French B. O'Shields, Jr.

Lay Members

1976—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)
1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
1978—N. J. Owens (Christ)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, 1117 Linganore Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28203

Ministers

1976—Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
1977—Frank H. Caldwell (Chm.)
1978—Neely McCarter

Lay Members

1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)
1977—Miss Bettie McEwen (Philadelphia)
1978—

2. Worship

J. David Fletcher, Chairman, 2831 North Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1976—J. David Fletcher (Chm.)
1977—Donald Stroud
1978—J. Arthur Beard

Lay Members

1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)
1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1978—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1976—G. Carswell Hughs
1977—Russell M. Kerr

1977—Robert Utsman (Sharon)
1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity), G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Mary Gray (Davidson College), Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Rodney C. Shoemaker, Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster), Mrs. Ruth Topping (Charlotte First), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

Task Force on Hunger

Neil M. McMillan, Chairman, 2929 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Mrs. Hugh Verner (Myers Park), A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Charlotte First), Mrs. Ira Schmidt (Selwyn Avenue), Mrs. Charles Evans (Myers Park), T. A. Little, Jr., R. W. Rayburn, Mrs. James R. Scruggs (Selwyn Avenue), Douglas W. Oldenburg, Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Dr. John Pleasants (Trinity), Frank Bynum (St. Giles), James Williams (Monroe First), Cullen Ferguson (Charlotte First), Mrs. T. A. Little, Jr. (St. Andrews), H. Howard Smith.

Women of the Church President

Mrs. L. W. Topping, 3418 Fielding Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Men of the Church President

John E. Butler, 6024 Carden Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Presbyterian Ministers Association President

Charles L. Kirby, 1601 E. 5th St., Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Bi-Centennial Committee

Dr. Norris W. Preyer (Myers Park), Chairman, 2028 Roswell Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Dr. Chalmers G. Davidson (Davidson College), Dr. Frontis W. Johnston (Davidson College), William Dysard, Miss Elizabeth Williams (Charlotte First).

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	Church
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	
M. B. Prince, Jr., H.R.	
Roy F. Whitley, H.R.	
Charles E. S. Kraemer, H.R.	
Warner L. Hall	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean, H.R.	
John A. Carriker, H.R.	
David E. Wilkinson	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper, H.R.	
Russell M. Kerr	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	
W. G. Workman, H.R.	
Robert Turner, H.R.	
Fred C. Holder	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	
Leighton S. Ford	Evangelist
G. E. Dixon	Ridgecrest
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	
Daniel L. Durway	Graduate Student
David G. Boyce	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	Director Alexander Children's Center
Charles Betts Huntley	Foreign Missionary
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.	Sugaw Creek
H. Louis Patrick	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	
J. Arthur Beard	Locust
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe, H.R.	
William D. Morton	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. H.R.	
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	
Paul W. Beazley	Graduate School
Paul A. Horne	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith	Turner, Siler
Eldon D. Wadsworth	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	Interpreter's House
Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.	Charlotte Third
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	St. Giles

ROLL OF MINISTERS	**Church**
A. Rudolph Hendricks	South Tryon
Robert J. James	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	Associate in Christian Education
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	
Zane M. Moore	Central Steele Creek
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	
Kenneth P. Craig	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	
John E. Smylie	
Edward C. Wilson	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	Christ
James A. Cannon	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	
John A. Luddy	McGee
James S. Mann	
H. E. Stoessel	
Neil C. Leach	ACTS
Robert S. Maclin, III	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	
Roy W. Coker	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	
Raeford Rodney Love	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	Evangelist
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	
Charles L. Kirby	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	Ramah
Joe P. Arnold	
Robert S. Hough	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	
A. J. Morrison	Third (Associate)
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	
Charles C. Cowsert	Presbyterian Foundation (Associate Director)
Robert O. Freeman	Coordinator Charlotte Area Clergy Association
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	
Jennings B. Reid	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	Albemarle Road
Earl R. MacCormac	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Steele Creek

ROLL OF MINISTERS	**Church**
James David Fletcher	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	Beulah-Lee Park
George L. Ducker	Westover Hills
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	
G. Carswell Hughs	Charlotte First
William B. Ward	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	
Robert H. Teed	Philadelphia (Associate)
William M. Edwards, II	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	Admin. Davidson College
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	Davidson College (Assistant)
Earle D. Roberts	Covenant (Assistant)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	McQuay
J. K. Aiken, Jr.	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	Plaza
E. E. Washington	Smallwood
Fred R. Horner	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	Trinity (Assistant)
J. W. Ligon	Carmel
W. G. Nance	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon	Presbyterian Family Life Center
David Scott Lindsay	Charlotte First (Associate)
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	Walkersville
R. E. Smith, Jr.	Sardis (Associate)
Vernon H. Dodd	Hopewell (Assistant)
Neil M. McMillan	Selwyn Avenue
Kenneth Woodard	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	Sharon
W. L. Kline, Jr.	Memorial
John R. Crawford	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	Clinical Pastoral Education
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	
Roger P. Melton	Altan-Bethany
George H. V. Hunter	Badin
J. Craig Butler	Benton Heights
Donald E. Stroud	Marshville-New Salem
Thomas K. Reinowski	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
H. Howard Smith	Robinson
Carl R. Pritchett, H.R.	
J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	Huntersville
Total Ministers	**142**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr., Army, Locust Church

G. Wayne Cole, University of S. C., St. Andrews Church

William Frederick Dotger, Union Seminary, Williams Memorial Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Sally Henderson, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Zeb B. Long, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William David McSwain, Union Seminary, First Charlotte Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, St. Andrews College, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Daniel Drew Robinson, Louisville Seminary, Carmel Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Belhaven College, Hopewell Church

Olin Marsh Whitener, Columbia Seminary, Hickory Grove Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

The Fifteenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Johnston Memorial Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 23, 1975

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Johnston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on September 23, 1975.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James E. Ratchford.

The Opening Worship Service was led by Hugh Neisler, a Ruling Elder in the Pageland Church, assisted by Robert S. Hough.

The sermon was delivered by the Moderator on the topic, "The Abundant Life", based on John 10:7-10.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Harry H. Bryan, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., James A. Cannon, John A. Carriker, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, E. B. Cooper, Charles C. Cowsert, Ken Craig, J. R. Crawford, G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, George L. Ducker, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., W. M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. Betts Huntley, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, Larry Kline, Jr., Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, Tom Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., Robert S. Maclin, III, F. A. Mathes, Julius W. Melton, Roger P. Melton, Robert L. Morgan, Zane M. Moore, A. J. Morrison, W. D. Morton, Earl R. MacCormac, T. W. MacLean, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Neely McCarter, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil McMillan, Warren G. Nance, Tom Nash, Lee Nichols, D. W. Oldenburg, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Margaret Barnes Peery, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, Bob Smith, Lawrence Stell, H. E. Stoessel, Donald

E. Stroud, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Robert Turner, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, E. E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. E. Wayland, Jr., T. W. Tucker, A. M. Keith, F. H. Caldwell, Leighton Ford, C. E. S. Kraemer, L. W. Topping, Steve Barrett.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: J. E. Smylie, A. J. McKelway, Jr., J. R. MacKinnon, David Hambrick, K. Braxton Garriss, David G. Boyce, Joe P. Arnold, Louis Patrick, W. R. Otey, III, Earle D. Roberts, Paul W. Beazley.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, J. C. Holbrook; Albemarle Road, George H. Jones; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Mrs. Thomas H. Donaldson; Avondale, Arthur M. Farris; W. H. Belk, Brennie Morrison; Benton Heights, Margaret Kitchen; Bethany, Roy Snipes; Bethel, Thomas B. Knox, Jr.; Bethlehem, J. Brooks Long; Caldwell Memorial, J. T. Whitted; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Central Steele Creek, Mrs. C. E. Neely; Christ, Harry F. Porter; Clanton Memorial, H. W. Lindey; Cook's Memorial, Paul Thompson, Jr.; Cornelius, Robert Reid; Covenant, J. B. Kuykendall, Jr., H. Lamont Hudson, G. Don Davidson, Jr., George E. Setzer; Davidson College, Lawrence M. Kimbrough; Charlotte First, Herbert H. Browne, Jr., Henry Bridges, Jr.; First Union, Riley E. Morton; Forest Hill, Lucielle G. Hunter; Hopewell, W. Vance McElroy; Huntersville, Merle D. Randle; Indian Trail, T. A. Biggers; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, William T. Alexander; Marshville, Charles S. Boyce; Matthews, Frank M. Renfrow; McGee, Roy Cooper; McQuay, Charles R. Covard; Memorial, Ross Summerville; Mulberry, Henry C. Rhyne; Monroe First, William Presler; Myers Park, Norris Preyer, J. Norman Peace, Jr., R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, J. F. Caldwell; Norwood, Thomas Upchurch; Oakboro, Edith McLendon; Pageland, Hugh Neisler; Paw Creek, Howard C. Sharpe, Sr.; Philadelphia, Mrs. Ray H. Waltman, James A. McKay; Plaza, Mrs. H. S. Cuthbertson, Mrs. T. W. Stinson, Jr.; Pleasant Hill, T. LaFontine Odom; Providence, Harry Delaney; Quail Hollow, Donald F. Sink; Ridgecrest, Ervin Fesperman; Sardis, L. Hunter Pharr, Dick Pierce, James G. Boyce; St. Giles, Mrs. Evelyn McDonald; St. John, Mrs. Nancy Odham; Seigle Avenue, Benie Palmer; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell; Sharon, Kenneth R. Beaty; Siler, Fleet Davis; Steele Creek, R. R. Helms; Sugaw Creek, Ralph Kiser, Thomas M. Brown; South Tryon, Mrs. Eva Reid; Third, Ottis Powell, Jr., Jack C. Cathey; Thomasboro, M. W. Grass, J. Bud Payne; Trinity, Mrs. Lacy Sellars; Walkersville, Larry Rollins; Waxhaw, J. W. Collins; Westminster, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, Jane L. Carriker; Williams Memorial, Roy M. Rappe.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Calvary, East, Turner.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Banks, Beulah, Lee Park, Camden, Morven, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, New Salem, Salem, Rehoboth, Robinson, St. Andrews, Smallwood, Stephenson, Unionville, Wadesboro.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Ruth Farrior, Carlita Hunter, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Harold Smith, Anne Vickers.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Roy W. Coker, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Hugh Neisler, Leader
   Moderator's Message—James E. Ratchford
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, Roy W. Coker, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings), Warner L. Hall
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements by Host Pastor, Paul A. Horne
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures
   2. Attendance
   3. Tellers
   4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Presbytery's Council, Russell M. Kerr
   (Budget and Stewardship Report)
10. Report of Research and Strategy Committee, Roy W. Coker
11. Report of Commission on the Minister, Zane M. Moore
12. Service of Installation for Fred R. McAlister, Jr. (Special Order—11:15 A.M.)
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Charles C. Cowsert (First Order after Lunch)
14. Report of Interpretations Committee, Earl MacCormac (Second Order after Lunch)
15. Report of Locust Administrative Commission, Roy W. Coker
16. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly, Charles C. Cowsert
17. Commissions to be Appointed
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
18. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

At the request of the Chairman, John B. Rogers, Jr., the Examinations Committee was granted permission to be excused at 10:30 A.M. for a called meeting of that Committee.

The host Pastor, Paul A. Horne, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills And Overtures

James E. Ratchford, Chairman
Robert W. Rayburn
W. G. Nance
Tommy Upchurch (Norwood)
Mrs. Brennie Morrison (W. H. Belk)
Tommy Haywood (Stephenson)

Tellers

Kenneth Woodard, Chairman
G. Wallace Johnson
Larry Baucom (Locust)
Heyward Linder (Clanton Memorial)

Attendance

Richard P. Shaw, Chairman
Glenn L. Hill
Brooks Long (Bethlehem)
Thad Biggers (Indian Trail)

Resolutions

J. K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman
Donald E. Stroud
Ross Summerville (Memorial)
Mrs. Margaret Kitchen (Benton Heights)

The following Communications were read by the Stated Clerk:

1. Certificate of Dismissal from Fayetteville Presbytery for H. Howard Smith, Minister-Elect of the Robinson Church.
2. Communication from J. Craig Butler that he had completed the required reading assigned candidates seeking ordination at the May Stated Meeting of Presbytery (**Baptism in a Presbyterian Congregation** by Harry G. Goodykoontz and **The Baby is Baptized** by Stuart R. Oglesby)
3. Minutes of Commissions to Ordain and Install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ROGER P. MELTON AS PASTOR OF THE ALTAN AND BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on June 1, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: M. B. Prince, Jr., Chairman; Robert J. James and T. Duke Williams. RULING ELDERS: Jack Baker, Don Doster, Odus Doster.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by M. B. Prince, Jr. T. Duke Williams was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Odus Doster read the Scripture and also had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic, "The Man In The Pulpit".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Altan and Bethany Congregations, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Roger P. Melton had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Altan and Bethany Churches.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by T. Duke Williams.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by M. B. Prince, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert J. James.

T. Duke Williams
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR GEORGE H. V. HUNTER, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE BADIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on June 8, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman; Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., and Earle D. Roberts. RULING ELDERS: W. O. Jolly, III, M.D., James B. McMillan and R. N. Jeffrey.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. W. O. Jolly, III, M.D. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Earle D. Roberts read the Scripture and J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Earle D. Roberts on the topic/text: "Having This Minority"—II Corinthians 4:1-6.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Badin Congregation and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that George H. V. Hunter, Jr. had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Badin Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by James B. McMillan.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Earle D. Roberts.

W. O. Jolly, III, M.D.
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR THOMAS K. REINOWSKI AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 22, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Neil M. McMillan, Chairman; Robert J. James, C. F. Jacks, Jr. and J. Frank Alexander, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Alton M. Faires, G. Douglas Aitken, and James B. Kuykendall.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. Frank Alexander. James B. Kuykendall was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading from Isaiah Chapter 6.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic, "A Young Man's Vision".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Selywn Avenue Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Thomas K. Reinowski had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of the Selwyn Avenue Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Alton M. Faires.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by C. F. Jacks, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by G. Douglas Aitken.

James B. Kuykendall, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR DONALD ERIC STROUD AS PASTOR OF THE MARSHVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on June 22, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Henry S. Robinson, Chairman; Zane M. Moore, Robert W. Rayburn. RULING ELDERS: Fred M. Hargett, J. S. Stroud, and W. B. Young.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Henry S. Robinson. W. B. Young was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. W. B. Young read the Scripture and had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Zane M. Moore on the topic, "The Joys of the Ministry".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the

Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Marshville Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Donald Eric Stroud had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Pastor of the Marshville Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by J. E. Stroud.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Robert W. Rayburn.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Zane M. Moore.

W. B. Young
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR JAMES CRAIG BUTLER AS PASTOR OF THE BENTON HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 29, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Fred C. Holder, Chairman; T. W. Tucker, J. A. Carriker. RULING ELDERS: John E. Butler, J. T. Springs, E. B. Clark, Jr.

The Commission Meeting was opened with prayer by Fred C. Holder. J. T. Springs was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. T. W. Tucker read the Scripture and Fred C. Holder had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by T. W. Tucker on the topic, "Why The Church".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Benton Heights Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that J. Craig Butler had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Pastor of the Benton Heights Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by John A. Carriker.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by J. E. Butler.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by T. W. Tucker.

J. T. Springs
Secretary

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, Russell M. Kerr. This report was adopted as amended.

A. INFORMATION:

1. The sale of the Nations Ford Road property has been completed. $71,914.52 was realized from this transaction which has been deposited in the savings account.
2. Following the action of the Presbytery, the 17th Street property has been put on the market. A number of problems have arisen in connection with the sale of this property, but the Council is striving to arrange a reasonable disposition.
3. The Council has concurred with the planning of the Research and Strategy Committee and is joining in sponsoring a leadership workshop for Presbytery committee chairmen and council members at Bethelwoods Camp December 5 and 6. Dr. Robert Worley, from McCormick Seminary, will be the leader for this workshop.
4. One of the problems that has confronted recent General Assemblies has been the large number of last-minute communications seeking action of the Assembly. The Council is encouraging a study of concerns that local churches may wish to bring to the General Assembly in the form of overtures. This will be done at an early meeting of Presbytery. The Council would welcome suggestions from local churches at this point.
5. The attention of the Presbytery is called to the fact that at the end of August our benevolence giving is $25,000 behind our giving at the same time last year. With the needs that are apparent at all levels of the work of the church, every congregation is urged to make every possible effort to meet our benevolence commitment and, hopefully, to go beyond it.
6. The Council has approved the report of its budget and finance committee in regard to the Business Fund Budget. A copy is attached to this report.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That every church in the Presbytery actively participate in the Reformation Day offering designated by the General Assembly. Pending adoption of this resolution we recommend that the Presbytery hear Mr. Ray Killian who represents the Synod of North Carolina in expediting this offering.
2. That the Business Fund Budget as recommended be adopted.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1976
BUSINESS FUND BUDGET

	1975	**1976**
ANTICIPATED INCOME		
From Churches	$101,937. (1)	$105,922. (2)
Yield from S. B. Alexander Fund	6,000.	6,000.
TOTAL INCOME	$107,937.	$111,922.
NOTE: 1 (1975) Based on $2.91 per capita from 35,030 members		
NOTE: 2 (1976) Based on $3.06 per capita from 34,599 members		
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS		
I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	$ 33,278. ($ .95)	$ 32,869. ($ .95)
II. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA	19,267. ($ .55)	19,029. ($ .55)
I. MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY	55,278. ($1.41)	59,974. ($1.56)

A. **OFFICE OF GENERAL PRESBYTER**		
1. **General Presbyter**		
Salary	$ 12,200.	$ 13,000.
Housing	4,800.	4,800.
Utilities	1,000.	1,000.
Furnishings	500.	500.
Automobile Expense	2,800.	3,000.
Minister's Annuity Fund	2,643.	2,738.
Hospitalization	446.	490.
Study Allowance	200.	200.
Social Security (½)	521.	592.
2. **Administrative Assistant and Treasurer**		
a) **Administrative Assistant**		
Salary	$ 8,000.	$ 8,500.
Social Security	468.	497.
Hospitalization	166.	185.
Annuity	800.	1,020.
b) **Treasurer**		
Salary	8,000.	8,500.
Social Security	468.	497.
Hospitalization	166.	185.
Annuity	800.	1,020.
3. **Office Expense**		
Postage, Materials	$ 3,000.	$ 4,500.
Telephone	1,500.	1,800.
B. **GENERAL PRESBYTERY EXPENSES**		
Expense of Hosting Presbytery	1,000.	1,000.
Printing & Mailing of Minutes	3,500.	3,700.
Parking for Staff & Committees	600.	600.
Discretionary Fund	1,400.	1,400.
Assistant Clerk	300.	300.
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY	$107,823.	$111,922.

Kenneth P. Craig was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the November Meeting of Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting was resumed at 10:40 A.M.

A communication addressed to the Teachers and Principals of all Public Schools in Mecklenburg County was presented to Presbytery by Fred C. Holder, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee. This communication was adopted.

September 23, 1975

Dear Teachers and Principals:

The dramatic changes which have occurred in our community have laid upon the schools in particular a great deal of responsibility. Today your classrooms are different scenes from what they were just a few years ago. Changes in teaching methods, composition of student body, scheduling, and community expectations have often created frustrations.

In view of this situation we are grateful for who you are and what you are doing. Your long hours, your personal sacrifices, your patience, your understanding, and your leadership are helping to bring more and more stability to our whole community.

Your performance during recent years has earned our gratitude. We pledge to you our continuing support in partnership toward achieving a common goal of high quality education.

Sincerely,
Roy W. Coker
Moderator, Mecklenburg Presbytery
By Action of Presbytery
Robert J. James
General Presbyter

The Order of the Day having arrived, Presbytery then proceeded to the installation of Fred R. McAlister, Jr. as Associate Presbyter for Christian Education in Mecklenburg Presbytery. The Installation Service was conducted by J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

The following also participated in the Service: Neely McCarter, Mrs. Dorothy Waltman, Robert J. James, Russell M. Kerr, Fred C. Holder, and Fred R. McAlister, Sr.

A plaque was presented to Virginia Jones by Fred C. Holder as an expression of Presbytery's appreciation to Mrs. Jones for her many years of faithful service as Director of Christian Education for Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after Lunch, the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was submitted by the Chairman, Charles C. Cowsert. The first two sections were received as information, and the following recommendation was adopted:

> "That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg be called to meet in the Chapel of Covenant Church at 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 1975, for the purpose of examining, with a view toward reception as Candidates under Care, those persons who have completed Committee requirements and who have the Committee's recommendation."

John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman of the Transfer Division of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, presented H. Howard Smith, a member of Fayetteville Presbytery and Minister-Elect of the Robinson Church, and Carl R. Pritchett, Honorably Retired Minister of National Capitol Union Presbytery, to be examined with a view to their reception into Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Pritchett made statements concerning their Christian experience. They were then examined as to their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Smith was placed in his hands and by him accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of the call extended to him.

Mr. Smith was enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers. Pending the receipt of his Certificate of Dismissal from National Capitol Union Presbytery, Mr. Pritchett was enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers.

As the Second Order after Lunch, the report of the Interpretation Committee was made by the Chairman, Earl R. MacCormac. The report was adopted.

We recommend that Presbytery defer action on the nature of ordination until after the 116th General Assembly next year. Several resolutions were received from Presbyteries by the 115th General Assembly which has called for recommendations to be considered by the 116th General Assembly. It would be premature for Mecklenburg Presbytery to take action before the General Assembly has had a chance to consider these calls for a definition on ordination.

The Theological Interpretation Committee suggests to the Commission on the Minister of Mecklenburg Presbytery the following guidelines:

1. That ministers laboring within the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery minister in
   (a) Pastoral, administrative, or educational relations to congregations
   (b) Presbyterian institutions in capacities consistent with the ministerial function
   c) Institutional or ecumenical ministries recognized by and sanctioned by Mecklenburg Presbytery
2. That ministers laboring outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery with permission be required by the Commission in accordance with BCO 21-2 to make an annual report of their work on their own initiative. Failure to do so for two consecutive years will lead to the dissolution of the relationship of the minister and Mecklenburg Presbytery under the authority of BCO 107-8.
3. That ministers not retiring and laboring within the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery be encouraged to attend Presbytery meetings regularly. Ministers failing to fulfill this obligation shall be reminded of their responsibility by the Commission.

The Theological Interpretation Committee will bring a report on the actions of the 115th General Assembly at the November meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then heard an address by Mr. V. R. Jansen, Jr., General Secretary of the Synod of North Carolina. His address was received as information.

A recess was taken at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was resumed at 3:15 P.M.

The Final Report of the Administrative Commission on the

Locust Church to Mecklenburg Presbytery was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. The report was amended and then adopted as a whole.

Final Report of the Administrative Commission of the Locust Church

The Administrative Commission appointed by Mecklenburg Presbytery at its 8th Stated Meeting on November 27, 1973 (See Minutes, pages 56, 57) makes the following final report:

We were given the "full authority of Presbytery to visit the Locust Congregation, to investigate the causes complained of, and to take such actions as may be necessary which would tend to restore peace and harmony to that congregation." We have met 20 times in the past 22 months, and have carried out the assignment given us to the best of our ability; we feel that the Lord has been with us in our work and has enabled us to accomplish that which has been done. To Him is the praise and the glory!

We sought reconciliation within the congregation, and we are glad to report that there is a spirit of harmony, peace and love among the members of the congregation that is the Locust Presbyterian Church, a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Congregation has elected four elders and they have been duly ordained and installed as the Session and are now effectively functioning. Four deacons have been elected and ordained and installed and are functioning as the Board of Deacons. The Church School and the Women of the Church are active. The finances are in good condition. The spiritual climate is healthy. Deep appreciation is expressed to Dr. W. M. Boyce for his healing ministry as Interim Supply during the past ten months.

At a recent congregational meeting the congregation unanimously elected the Reverend J. Arthur Beard to be their pastor. We rejoice that in God's providence Mr. Beard has been led to accept this call, and plans to be on the field by the middle of October. Members of Presbytery should remember to continue to pray for Mr. Beard and the Locust Congregation.

The complete file of the Minutes of this Administrative Commission and other pertinent papers are filed with the Stated Clerk of Presbytery and become a part of the permanent records of Presbytery.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery stand and be led in prayer for the Locust Church and for their new Pastor, giving thanks for the leading of the Holy Spirit in the work of the Commission.
2. That the Administrative Commission of the Locust Church be dissolved effective this date.
3. That this report be admitted to the Minutes of Presbytery, and the Minutes of the Administrative Commission be a part of official records of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted:
Roy W. Coker, Chairman
Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
T. W. Tucker, Secretary
Lawrence I. Stell (Alternate)
Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
Robert F. Stokes (Charlotte First)
Thomas C. Ruff (Selwyn Avenue)
Charles Akers, Alternate (Myers Park)

A motion was adopted that Mecklenburg Presbytery, by a standing vote, express its appreciation to the Administrative Commission working with the Locust Church for its labors in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

The report of the Research and Strategy Committee was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. This report was received as information.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Zane M. Moore. This report, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

Since the May 27, 1975 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister met on June 23, 1975. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of June 23, 1975:

1. At his own request, and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the relationship of The Reverend Mr. Arthur S. Gatewood with the First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle as Associate Pastor, effective July 31, 1975, in order that he might accept the call of Presbyterian College to become Chaplain to the students. A letter of transfer was authorized to be sent to South Carolina Presbytery, Synod of the Southeast.
2. At his own request, and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the relationship of The Reverend Mr. R. Zach Thomas, III with the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church as Associate Pastor, effective July 31, 1975.
3. Under the provision of BCO 15-4, and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, The Reverend Mr. J. Arthur Beard was appointed to serve as Moderator of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, effective June 15, 1975. The Reverend Mr. R. Lee Nichols was appointed to serve as Moderator of the Session of Avondale Presbyterian Church, effective August 20, 1975.

Supplement

The Commission on the Minister met on Tuesday, September 16, 1975. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

1. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that the relationship of The Reverend J. Arthur Beard and the Westminster Presbyterian Church as Associate Pastor be dissolved effective September 30, 1975 in order that he might accept the call of the Locust Presbyterian Church, Locust, North Carolina.
2. Granted permission to Horace E. Stoessel to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery for one year as Minister-at-Large.
3. At his own request, the membership of The Reverend Charles M. Murray was transferred from Mecklenburg Presbytery to Transylvania Presbytery in order that he might accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Kentucky, effective September 17, 1975.
4. Recommends to the churches of Presbytery the following minimum salary guidelines for full-time Christian Educators for 1976:

Base Salary		$7,800.00
Auto Allowance		800.00
Presbyterian Church U. S. Annuity and Disability:		
Full, or 12% Paid by Church		
Health Insurance Premiums Paid by Church		
Continuing Education:	Time—2 weeks:	
	Financial	300.00
Vacation: 4 Weeks		

(Please note that the only change in the above terms from 1975 is a $600.00 increase in Base Salary)

5. The Reverend Henry S. Robinson was approved as Stated Supply for St. John Church for October-December, 1975 and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session.

6. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Dr. G. Carswell Hughs was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church for the month of October, 1975.

7. The terms of the call of the Locust Presbyterian Church to The Reverend J. Arthur Beard to serve as Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$8,800.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Manse and Utilities	
Ministers' Annuity Fund 12%	
Life and Major Medical Insurance for Minister and Family	
One Month Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Moving Expenses from Charlotte	

8. The terms of the call of the Robinson Presbyterian Church to The Reverend H. Howard Smith to serve as Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$10,500.00
Auto Allowance	1,500.00
All Manse Expenses	
Amount Equal to one-half Social Security Payments	
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Major Medical Coverage for Minister and Family	
Optional Group Life Insurance through Board	
All Utilities	
Four Weeks Annual Vacation	
Two Weeks Continuing Education Leave Annually	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
All Moving Expenses from Sanford, N. C.	

9. A paper dealing with The Charismatic or Neo-Pentecostal Movement is being prepared by the Commission for presentation to Mecklenburg Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

The report of Commissioners to the General Assembly was presented by the Chairman, Charles C. Cowsert. The report was received as information. In connection with this report, the following resolution was adopted: "That Presbytery express its sincere appreciation to its Commissioners to the 115th General Assembly for their diligence and devotion to the task which their election placed upon them, and that this word of appreciation and their names be recorded in the Minutes of Presbytery."

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CHURCHES
Charles C. Cowsert	Mrs. Bobbie Berry	Smallwood
G. Eliot Dixon	J. Y. Barnett	Huntersville
George L. Ducker	Alfred O. Canon	Myers Park
G. Carswell Hughs	Mrs. Sam T. Favor	Avondale
James E. Ratchford	Mrs. Edith L. McLendon	Oakboro
Robert W. Rayburn	Hugh Neisler	Pageland
Richard P. Shaw	Mrs. Morgan B. Speir, Jr.	Charlotte First

YOUTH DELEGATE: Wilma Jean Reichard (Amity)

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: "That Mecklenburg Presbytery express its deep appreciation to Myers Park Presbyterian Church and Queens College for their splendid work in hosting the meeting of the 115th General Assembly."

The following installation commissions were appointed:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL H. HOWARD SMITH AS PASTOR OF THE ROBINSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.

Richard P. Shaw, Installation Prayer.

RULING ELDERS:

Robert James Smith, Jr. (Myers Park), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

William Wildermuth (Wadesboro), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Roy W. Beaty (Carmel), Scripture Reading.

R. C. Rolen (Robinson).

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL J. ARTHUR BEARD AS PASTOR OF LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

W. M. Boyce, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Robert Turner, To preach the Sermon and to deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

Robert W. Rayburn, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

Larry Baucom (Locust)
Leonard Barbee (Locust)
Coil Barbee (Locust)
Charles Fullerton (Locust)

Richard P. Shaw, Chairman, presented the report of the Attendance Committee. This report was incorporated in the Enrollment.

J. K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman, presented the Resolution of Thanks. It was adopted by the Court.

"Whereas the Minister, Officers and members of the Johnston Memorial Presbyterian Church so graciously hosted the meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery on the 23rd day of September, 1975, and provided for its members' every need through most helpful hosts, more than ample refreshments and a bountiful lunch, be it therefore resolved at its 15th Stated Meeting that Mecklenburg Presbytery expressed its deep appreciation to the entire congregation of the Johnston Memorial Presbyterian Church and to our Moderator for his able handling of the meeting today, and that a record of such appreciation be a part of the Minutes of Presbytery."

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and adopted. The members of Presbytery stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The meeting stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 18, 1975, at the Alexander Children's Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Sixteenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Alexander Children's Center
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 18, 1975

The Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M. at the Alexander Children's Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 18, 1975. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Roy W. Coker.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by D. Scott Lindsay. Presbytery then heard a message, "A Weekend at Bibanga," by the Retiring Moderator, Roy W. Coker, based on Matthew 9:35-38. The service included a Memorial for Dr. Roy E. Hoke, which was read by Thomas C. Bryan. Presbytery stood in silence and the Memorial Prayer was offered by G. Carswell Hughs. The Memorial was adopted.

Memorial To
Reverend Roy Edward Hoke, PhD.

Reverend Roy Edward Hoke, a member of this Presbytery since 1946, and eighth in seniority on its roll, answered the call of his Lord and Master to come up higher in the evening of November 3, 1975 in his home in Charlotte.

A native of York, Penn , Roy Hoke was born July 3, 1896 and was, therefore, 79 years old when he died. He was a son of Edward John and Mary Margaret Rhodes Hoke, and was raised in the Reformed Church in the United States. His family moved to Lancaster, Penn., where he was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1916 (A.B.), and 1917 (A.M.). He entered the Reformed Theological Seminary in 1917, but his studies were interrupted when he enlisted in the Army in World War I. He served as a Chaplain's Assistant with the rank of Sergeant. He was Licensed and Ordained by the Reformed Church August 12, 1919. At his death he had been ordained 56 years, the second highest in that category in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Our brother again entered the Service in World War II—as a Chaplain with the rank of First Lieutenant. Ill health forced him to resign his commission after serving three months. When his health was restored he served two years as pastor of the Reformed Church in Jefferson, Maryland.

In outlining the services which Christians can render, the Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Ephesus, "And He gave some apostles . . . prophets . . . evangelists .. . and some teachers for the edifying of the body of Christ." Roy Hoke, convinced of the value of Psychology, specialized in it and taught it several years. He taught in the following colleges: Birmingham-Southern, Emory and Henry and Davidson. As he taught he continued his own education and, in 1922, earned a PhD. degree from Johns Hopkins University. He came to Davidson in 1944 and transferred his church court relationship from the Reformed Church to the Presbyterian Church, U. S. and was a member of Concord Presbytery. Moving to Charlotte in 1946, he became a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery in 1950. He set up a Psychology Service Center and was a consultant to area businesses. He continued teaching in several local institutions.

While Roy Hoke was known to many only as a teacher, he did not forsake the sacred desk for the teacher's podium. He served as a supply minister for the following churches, among others: Rockingham, Wadesboro, Hamlet and Matthews. He was also among the first at-large ministers in the Presbytery to serve and to encourage the little group which first met in a house and was later organized into the Albemarle Road Church.

By nature modest, Roy Hoke had an understanding heart and was a wise counselor to people with problems. He made many contributions to the life of the community. Many there are who are grateful for his memory and who are also grateful to God for sending him to live among them as a servant of the Church and mankind.

Our fellow-Presbyter was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Ethel Ramsburg of Frederick, Md. on December 22, 1921, a blessed union of almost 54 years. To them were born two daughters, Mrs. Hal I. Hutchison and Mrs. Thomas L. Carroll who also survive him, together with five grandchildren.

As it records with sorrow the passing of Roy Edward Hoke, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg would express its gratitude to God for his useful life and would extend to Mrs. Hoke, the daughters and their families, its sympathy and its assurance of its prayers for God's comforting and sustaining presence now and in the years to come.

Thomas C. Bryan

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Ruling and Teaching Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Harry H Bryan, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, James A. Cannon, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Warner L. Hall, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. Betts Huntley, C. F. Jacks, Jr., G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, Russell M. Kerr, W. Chester Keller, C. L. Kirby, W. L. Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Scott Lindsay, T. A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., Tom MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Julius Melton, Roger P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, W. G Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., E. P. Poe, Carl R. Pritchett, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, James E Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., H. Howard Smith, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, H. E. Stoessel, Donald E. Stroud, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping,

T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Emanuel E. Washington, Eldon D. Wadsworth, John E. Wayland, Sr, J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: William B. Ward, E. O. Byrd, George Ducker, Joe Arnold, Frank Caldwell, J. R. Crawford, Daniel Durway, Leighton Ford, E. R. MacCormac, Ms. M. B. Peery, W. R. Otey, III, John R. MacKinnon.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Robert Benson, Earle Roberts, Louis Patrick.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Sue Burton, Ruth Farrior, Mary Gray, Carlita Hunter, Jeanie Ogilvie, Anne McQuiston, Anne Vickers.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, J. C. Holbrook; Albemarle Road, Leslie Jarrell; Altan, Albert Lowery; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, William F. Jackson; Avondale, G. Douglas Aitken; Badin, Robert C Hinkle, Jr.; W. H. Belk, Johnny Brown; Benton Heights, Margaret Kitchen; Bethel, J. Wilson Knox; Bethlehem, Hoyt Purser; Caldwell Memorial, R. V. Mason; Calvary, James "Bill" Brown; Camden, Lillian Currie; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Central Steele Creek, J. Lloyd Baker, Jr.; Charlotte First, David Black, Leslie G. Berry; Christ, John M. Fleming; Cook's Memorial, Richard F. Rozzelle; Covenant, Delbert Turner, Hobart Walker, Walter E. Love, Jr., J. B. Kuykendall, Jr.; Davidson College, Lawrence M. Kimbrough; East, Fred Hobson; First Union, Jack Kanipe; Forest Hill, Thomas H. Smith; Hopewell, Puett Kidd; Huntersville, C Herbert Smith; Indian Hill, J. W. Morgan; Indian Trail, Reuben M. Tomberlin; Johnston Memorial, T. J. Cooper; Locust, Coil Barbee; Mallard Creek, Joe M. Wilson; Marshville, Mrs. M. R. Gibson; Matthews, Lex Hood; McGee, J. Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay, William H. Henderson; Memorial, Jim Johnston; Monroe First, William Preslar; Morven, W. E. Steagall, Jr.; Mulberry, David W. Sheets; Myers Park, Ray A. Killian, Alfred Canon, Charles M. Marshall, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, Roland D. Keistler; Norwood, Harry M. Beeker; Oakboro, Edith McLendon; Pageland, Ray A. Yandle; Paw Creek, Blair H. Cathey; Philadelphia, H. B. Forbis, Jr., J. Harry Keziah; Plaza, Speros Villas, Albert D. Leopold; Pleasant Hill, J. Brainard Currence; Providence, Duane Baker; Quail Hollow, J. R. Miller, Jr.; Ramah, Harry Washam; Robinson, Byron Luna; St. Andrews, R. E. White; St. Giles, Mrs. Ray McCorkle; St. John, Carson Y. Conder; Sardis, E. C. York, Jr., Kent T. Paterson, E. B. Watson; Seigle Avenue, Edith M. Gardner; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell; Sharon, Kenneth Beaty; Smallwood, Dannie Martin; South Tryon, C J. Parker; Steele Creek, Victor B. Wallace, Jr., F. Wayne Berryhill, Jr.; Stephenson, George Larry Tyson; Sugaw Creek, Paul Craig, Martin Gardner; Thomasboro, Howard Counts, Sam Peery; Trinity, Richard I. McHenry; Third, Otis Powell, Harper Newbold; Wadesboro First, William Wildermuth; Walkersville, Robert L. McCain; Waxhaw, H. D. McLaughlin; Westminster, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, James B. Morrow; Williams Memorial, Don Brown.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Bethany, Banks, Cornelius, New Salem, Lee Park, Clanton Memorial, Hickory Grove, Rehoboth, Smallwood, Turner, Unionville, Siler, Hawley Memorial.

CHURCH EXCUSED: Ridgecrest.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Kenneth P. Craig, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Warner L. Hall, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator—Kenneth P. Craig, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee), Warner L. Hall
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements, Glenn B. Robinson
6. Appointment of Standing Committees
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
    RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Alexander Children's Center (Special Order 10:30-10:42 A.M.)
10. Report of Presbytery's Council, Russell M. Kerr
    (Report of Budget and Finance Committee, T. W. Tucker)
11. Report of Commission on the Minister, Zane M. Moore
12. Report of Division of Court Operations
    1. Personnel Committee—George O. Stovall
    2. Court Meetings Committee—Warner L. Hall
    3. Interpretation Committee—Earl MacCormac
    4. Worship Committee—Robert S. Hough
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Charles C. Cowsert (First Order after Lunch)
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
14. Commissions to be appointed
15. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
16. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
17. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Roy W. Coker, Chairman
Neil M. McMillan
Robert E. Smith, Jr.
Fred Hobson (East)
Lloyd Baker (Central Steele Creek)
David Black (Charlotte First)

RESOLUTIONS

Vernon H. Dodd, Chairman
H. Howard Smith
Roland Keistler (Newell)
Mrs. Evelyn Barrett (Hickory Grove)

TELLERS

W. L. Kline, Jr., Chairman
Frank Wilkinson
J. Craig Butler
Blair Cathey (Paw Creek)
H. B. Forbis, Jr. (Philadelphia)
Martin Gardner (Sugaw Creek)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Robert O. Freeman
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
John Fleming (Christ)
T. J. Cooper (Johnston Memorial)

Mr. Rufus K. Allison, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alexander Children's Center, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery.

The following Communications were read by the Stated Clerk.

1. Certificate of Dismissal from Concord Presbytery for John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Minister Elect of the Huntersville Church.
2. Letter from Tom K. Reinowski informing Presbytery that he had completed the assigned reading given to him at the May Meeting of Presbytery.
3. Communication from Hanover Presbytery granting permission to use the paper adopted by that Presbytery on the Charismatic Movement.
4. Communication from National Capital Union Presbytery of October 2, 1975 dismissing Carl R. Pritchett to Mecklenburg Presbytery.
5. Letter stating that the original note between Mecklenburg Presbytery and Albemarle Road Church in the amount of $40,000 has been paid and the deed of trust has been cancelled from the Mecklenburg County Public Registry.
6. Letter from J. E. Andrews, Stated Clerk of General Assembly, regarding the election of one ethnic minority advisory participant to attend the 116th General Assembly at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
7. 21 letters of appreciation from teachers and principals for the letter sent by the Christian Education Committee to school teachers of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
8. Minutes of Commissions to install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR H. HOWARD SMITH AS PASTOR OF ROBINSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on September 28, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Robert J. James and Richard P. Shaw. RULING ELDERS: R. C. Rolen, Robert James Smith, William M. Wildermuth and Roy W. Beatty.

The Commission Meeting was opened with prayer by Richard P. Shaw. R. C. Rolen was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Roy Beatty read the Scripture and R. C. Rolen had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic, text: “The Voices We Hear”—Isaiah 66:6.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Robinson Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that H. Howard Smith had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Robinson Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Robert James Smith.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by William M. Wildermuth.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Richard P. Shaw.

R. C. Rolen
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR J. ARTHUR BEARD AS PASTOR OF THE LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on October 26, 1975 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: W. M. Boyce, Chairman, Robert Turner, Robert Rayburn, Robert J. James. RULING ELDERS: Larry Baucom, Leonard Barbee, Coil Barbee and Charles Fullerton.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by W. M. Boyce. Robert W. Rayburn was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Larry Baucom read the Scripture and Leonard Barbee had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert Turner on the topic, “The Habitation of God.”

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Locust Congregation and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that J. Arthur Beard had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Locust Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Robert W. Rayburn.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Robert Turner.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert W. Rayburn.

Robert W. Rayburn
Secretary

Robert Turner, Chairman, made a motion that the Committee to Edit the Manual of Presbytery be dissolved. Adopted.

Glenn B. Robinson was elected Moderator-Nominee for the February, 1976 Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess at 10:15 A.M.

The Meeting was resumed at 10:30 A.M.

As a Special Order, Glenn B. Robinson, Director of the Alexander Children's Center, made a statement to Presbytery concerning the nature of the work being done at the Center, and he stressed the need for additional financial support from the churches of Presbytery.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, Russell M. Kerr. The first part of this report was made by T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, who presented the proposed Benevolence Budget for 1976. This Budget was adopted.

BENEVOLENCE BUDGET
1976

ANTICIPATED INCOME		
From Churches		$908,712
From Interest on Restricted Funds		
(1) Chas. Boyd Estate (For Deployment and Sustentation)	$ 3,000	
(2) Camp Stewart Fund (For Christian Education)	4,800	
(3) Samuel P. Alexander Fund (For Pre-Ordination and Examinations)	400	8,200
		$916,912
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS		
General Assembly	(40.2%)	$368,561
Synod	(32.8%)	300,000
Presbytery	(27.0%)	248,351
		$916,912
PROPOSED PRESBYTERY DISBURSEMENTS		
I. COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER		$ 3,500
A. Operating Expense	$ 1,500	
B. Discretionary Fund	2,000	
II. COUNCIL		$ 28,200
A. Operating Expense	$ 500	
B. Contingency Fund (Resource for all Committees)	15,000	
C. Insurance	1,400	

	D. Taxes		2,500	
	E. Maintenance		2,000	
	F. Stewardship Promotion		500	
	G. Mecklenburg Presbyterian		6,000	
	H. Travel—Special Committees		300	
III.	COURT MEETINGS			$ 275
	A. Taping Meetings		$ 200	
	B. Upkeep of Equipment and Supplies		75	
IV.	DEPLOYMENT AND SUSTENTATION			$104,750*
	A. Sustentation to Churches		$71,250	
	B. Extension Work		32,500	
	Turner	$ 3,500		
	Amay James	4,000		
	Quail Hollow (Conditional Loan)	10,000		
	Indian Trail	5,000		
	Carmel (Conditional Loan)	10,000		
	C. Contingency Fund		1,000	
	(*Income from Chas. H. Boyd Estate to be applied against total)			
V.	INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES			$ 23,246
	A. Hospital Chaplain		$ 7,104	
	B. Hospital Secretary		3,299	
	C. Hospital Visitors		4,709	
	D. Campus Worker		5,204	
	E. Christian Fellowship for Nurses		330	
	F. Prison Ministries		1,200	
	G. ECO		600	
	H. Supplies and Materials		800	
VI.	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			$ 32,310*
	A. Operation Expense		$ 600	
	B. Assoc. Presbyter for Chr. Ed.		15,360	
	Salary	$ 9,000		
	Auto Allowance	1,200		
	Housing & Utilities	2,400		
	Annuity	1,572		
	Continuing Education	200		
	Hospitalization	490		
	Social Security	498		
	C. Office Expenses		950	
	D. Children's Work		600	
	E. Youth Work		1,800	
	F. Adult Work		600	
	G. Career and Personal Counseling		200	
	H. Leadership Education		5,200	
	I. Camping & Retreats		7,000	
	(*Income from Camp Stewart Fund to be applied against total)			
VII.	PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS			$ 12,000*
	A. Operating Expense		$ 400	
	B. Testing—Guidance Center		800	
	C. Grants-in-aid		10,700	
	D. Annual Christmas Dinner		100	
	(*Income from Samuel P. Alexander Fund to be applied against total)			
VIII.	PRE-ORDINATION AND IN SERVICE TRAINING			$ 400
	A. Workshops in Church Officer Development			

IX.	SPECIALIZED MINISTRY			$ 23,250
	A. Evangelism		$ 500	
	B. Day Care Centers		12,000	
	Monroe	$ 2,000		
	S. Tryon	3,000		
	Double Oaks	6,000		
	Smallwood	1,000		
	C. Alexander Children's Center		2,000	
	D. School of Arts—First Presbyterian		1,000	
	E. Training Experiences		250	
	F. Operating Expense		100	
	G. Seigle Ave. Hot Lunch		2,500	
	H. Speech & Hearing Clinic		250	
	I. Edwin Towers Adult Day Care		1,000	
	J. Dilworth Community Ministry		500	
	K. Big Brothers, Inc.		150	
	L. Crisis Assistance Center		3,000	
X.	RESEARCH AND STRATEGY			$ 4,000
	A. Operating Expense		$ 200	
	B. Follow-up of Earhart Study		3,000	
	C. Consultations, Workshops, Retreats Research		800	
XI.	WORLD MISSIONS			$ 1,370
	A. Operating Expense		$ 100	
	B. Montreat Conf. for Chm.		150	
	C. Montreat Conf. for Youth		520	
	D. International Seminars		100	
	E. Promotion of Workshops & Projects		500	
XII.	TASK FORCE ON HUNGER			$ 1,700
	A. Legislative Committee		$ 125	
	B. Education Committee		500	
	C. Local and Overseas Projects (Refugees and Haiti)		875	
	D. Operating Expenses		200	
XIII.	TASK FORCE ON COUNSELING (for Counseling services at three approved centers)			$ 12,000
XIV.	WORSHIP COMMITTEE			$ 600
	A. Operating Expense		$ 40	
	B. Montreat Conference		360	
	C. Presbytery Workshop		200	
XV.	PERSONNEL			$ 100
	A. Committee Expenses			
XVI.	BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE			$ 650
	A. Documentary Film		$ 150	
	B. Special Speakers		500	
TOTAL				$248,351

On behalf of Presbytery's Council, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., presented the Capital Funds Campaign. This was followed by an explanation of the Church Extension and Capital Funds Improvement phase of this campaign by Lawrence I. Stell, and an explanatory statement by Douglas Oldenburg dealing with the Proposed Integrated Development Project in Haiti.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

The following motion was adopted: "That the rules be suspended and that the Order of the Day, the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, be delayed until the completion of the Council's Report."

The report of Presbytery's Council, together with the recommendations, was adopted as a whole as amended.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, the Council has acted on behalf of Mecklenburg Presbytery in the following matters:

1. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Sustentation a grant of $1,700 was made to the Stephenson Church to assist in furnishing their recently constructed educational building.

2. Vigorous efforts have been made to sell the house and lot on 17th Street, but so far we have been unsuccessful. Members of the Presbytery are encouraged to seek out possible buyers. The selling price is under $7,000.

Under the guidance of the Budget and Finance Committee a careful study has been made of the possibilities of mission through the Presbytery. We are ready to present a budget for 1976. This budget can be achieved and enhanced if congregations will accept the challenge of raising budgeted benovolent contributions in the amount of 6% over contributions in 1975.

President Alfred Canon of Queens College reported to the Council the request of the Board of Trustees that individual churches be solicited for gifts to Queens College beyond the budget, these gifts to be used for scholarship funds for Presbyterian students with special consideration given to students from the churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Council heard with great interest the presentations from the Task Force on Hunger concerning a possible project in Haiti and from the Capital Fund Feasibility Study Task Force concerning a challenge for church extension and capital improvement in our Presbytery. The Council believes that these two areas of special need and opportunity merit the wholehearted response and commitment of Mecklenburg Presbytery in the immediate future. On the one hand, there is need for strengthening and extending our service to the Lord within our own Presbytery through the development of new churches, assistance to existing churches and improvement of Presbytery's office facilities. On the other hand, within recent months a tremendous opportunity for service to our Lord has opened up in the Republic of Haiti, one of the areas of greatest human need in the western hemisphere. The means are at hand for making a significant attack on root causes of hunger in the Belledere-Croix-Fer region of that country.

On the basis of specific proposals made by the capital funds feasibility committee and Mecklenburg's Task Force on Hunger, the Council is prepared to offer recommendations.

The Hunger Task Force has brought the challenge of sponsoring a Vietnamese refugee family in our area. This project is receiving significant interest in various cluster churches in the Charlotte area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a Capital Funds Campaign be entered upon in 1976 under the following conditions:

    1. That a capital funds campaign be conducted in Mecklenburg

Presbytery in the spring of 1976 for pledges payable over three years.

2. That a goal of $800,000 be established to support a seven to nine year program for the alleviation of root causes of hunger in Belledere Croix-Fer section of Haiti.
3. That a goal of $450,000 be established for Church Extension and Capital Improvements within the Presbytery to supplement the limited resources currently available from the sale of church extension properties.
4. That major budgets for Nos. 2 and 3 above be presented to Presbytery prior to any expenditure of funds.
5. That undesignated contributions received in the campaign be allocated as follows:

   70% to the program for alleviation of hunger in Haiti

   30% to the program of capital improvements in Mecklenburg Presbytery

   No equalization formula will apply
6. That all contributors to the campaign have the privilege of designating their gifts if they so desire.
7. That all undesignated contributions received after attainment of the $800,000 goal for the Haiti project be allocated to the program for Church Extension and Capital Improvements, and that all undesignated contributions received after the attainment of the $450,000 goal for Church Extension and Capital Improvements be allocated to the program for the Haiti project until such time as the full $800,000 goal is reached.
8. That the Council take steps toward the planning and implementation of the capital funds campaign immediately upon authorization by the Presbytery, and that Council be authorized to designate the funds in the NCNB Stock and Presbyterian Development Fund accounts to be used to begin the implementation of the campaign.
9. That the Capital Funds Committee is authorized to solicit contributions in advance of the capital funds campaign in order to facilitate gathering of facts as to specific financial needs and priorities, and planning of the fund raising campaign. Such solicitation should not be allowed to interfere with regular fund raising activities of Presbytery and individual churches. Presbytery's Office is authorized to set up special books of account and to receive such funds and disburse them only in accordance with guidelines to be established by Council or by the Haiti Development Commission.
10. That the Haiti Development Proposal as submitted be adopted as a whole and that a Haiti Development Commission be established as soon as possible as outlined in the proposal.

2. That the Presbytery endorse the action of the Hunger Task Force in the sponsorship of a Vietnamese family and that the Presbytery instruct its trustees to sign a lease for a house on Mecklenburg Avenue for the use of this family.

3. That we commend the Amay James, South Tryon and Smallwood Churches for the substantial improvements that have been made on their properties with minimum assistance from the Presbytery.

4. That Presbytery thank Queens College for its concern for scholarship funds for Presbyterian students; and encourage the churches to honor the request of Queens and various Presbytery and Synod agencies and institutions to be placed in their church budgets **AFTER** they have met the request of Presbytery to increase their Budgeted Benevolences by 6% for 1976.

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
HAITI

Section I. A Historical Summary and Overview

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. has had a direct involvement in the Christian witness in Haiti for four years, and an indirect involvement in Christian service there through Church World Service for a great many years. The present proposal, which Presbytery's Task Force on Hunger is presenting to Mecklenburg Presbytery and the Division of International Mission of the General Executive Board, is a new and unique facet of this broad program of witness and service. There are compelling reasons, which will be stated later, why a major effort (over and above our giving to General Budgeted Benevolences) through an Integrated Development Project in cooperation with Haitian Christians will have a tremendous and far-reaching benefit in helping to alleviate the physical and spiritual suffering in one particular section of Haiti, and which could have far-reaching effects on the entire country.

Five years ago Rev. Marion Huske (HR) first called attention to and challenged the Board of World Missions (later Division of International Mission) to help meet the great physical and spiritual needs of Haiti. A survey team then recommended that medical work at Leogane and educational work in Port-au-Prince be undertaken in cooperation with the Episcopal Church of Haiti. That work is actively in progress today. Three missionaries on the field and buildings and supplies valued at almost $200,000 are an indication of the involvement and commitment of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A large number of Mecklenburg Presbyterian adults and young people, as well as specialists of other denominations serving with us, have worked in Haiti at several church-related projects.

Presbytery's Task Force on Hunger two years ago requested from Assembly's Task Force on Hunger and Development a recommendation on the area of world hunger that Mecklenburg would designate for special attention. In a telephone conversation with Dr. Ted Trimble, Dr. James Cogswell, Director of Assembly's Task Force, reviewed the great hunger areas of the world and the commitments of various groups for service. He recommended Haiti as one of the four neediest areas—the greatest in this hemisphere—where no major program was being undertaken by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Presbytery's Task Force adopted his recommendation and thereby selected Haiti as its hunger area of greatest concern overseas. Dr. Trimble was asked to travel to Haiti in June, 1974, survey the needs, and bring back recommendations for projects.

At that time groups were meeting at two churches, Myers Park Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian, to consider among other matters, how their congregations might best be involved in major hunger alleviation programs. Presbytery Task Force members, Mrs. Hugh Verner of Myers Park and Dr. Douglas Oldenburg of Covenant, asked to be assigned to concentrate their efforts on the development of these programs. A Joint Committee of the two churches was organized, with concerns in several hunger areas, including the overseas dimension. The sub-committee on the overseas effort has consisted of Mrs. Hugh Verner. Mrs. Henry Harkey, Mr. Alex McMillan, Mr. Bob McDade, Mr. Sam Ryburn, Dr. Douglas Oldenburg, Mrs. Earle Roberts, Mr. Ken Forester, and Dr. Bill Sugg. The sub-committee has also enlisted the participation in its work of Dr. Trimble from Presbytery's Task Force and Rev. Tony Tucker from Presbytery's Council—related respectively to First Presbyterian Church and Sardis Presbyterian Church.

Very considerable work has been done by the sub-committee on the overseas effort of the Joint Committee. Meeting on the average of about every three weeks for the past year, the group has considered alternative countries with hunger needs, heard informal lectures on the characteristics and problems of developing countries, read a variety of materials from lengthy bibliographies, and discussed various facets of overseas work with furloughed missionaries and with experts both from the Division of International Mission of the General Executive Board and from other agencies.

At each stage of progression as the present proposals have developed, direct contact has been made with the offices of the GEB/DIM and of the Assembly's Task Force. Dr. Cogswell has participated twice in meetings in Charlotte. The Rev. Tom Foley, Latin American Area Secretary of the GEB/DIM, has met many times with sub-committee members in Charlotte and in Atlanta, and several times with the sub-committee as a whole. Mrs. Harkey, Chairperson of the Assembly's Task Force on Hunger and Development, is a member of the sub-committee from Myers Park Church. Invaluable participation, direction, and assistance have been given by these several persons over a period of years.

From its earliest conception the present proposal was visualized as a new and unique approach toward combating root causes of hunger in Haiti in cooperation with Haitian Christians. It was to be implemented in a manner that would directly relate individual churches and church members of the entire presbytery to particular designated aspects of a large and integrated program. What was sought was an ambitious program, guided by the Holy Spirit, that over a period of years would have a very significant impact. The program would be of such a nature that Haitians participating in the planning, directing, and implementing could continue it themselves unaided far into the future.

To select and describe such a program, and to determine what further research and research personnel were needed, the sub-committee and the GEB/DIM together funded and staffed a study team. This study team traveled in Haiti for four days in May of 1975. The team conferred with government, church, and relief personnel in Haiti in order to determine a possible project site They visited several sites and talked to the town leaders in each case. The team consisted of the Rev. Tom Foley of GEB/DIM, Mr. Bob McDade and Mr. Alex McMillan of Myers Park Church, Dr. Douglas Oldenburg, and Mr. Sam Ryburn of Covenant Church, the Rev. Tony Tucker of Presbytery's Council, and Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, School of Agriculture of N. C. State University. Dr. Bumgardner has had special experience in agricultural development in developing countries and has given invaluable assistance to this project. Analyzing the data and the recommendations of the Study Team, the sub-committee was led to identify the Belledere-Croix Fer region as the most suitable for a major long-range integrated development program.

A proposal for the integrated development program is given in Section II below. A very central aspect of the program is the pattern of inter-church cooperation with Haitian churches and partnership in mission with the GEB/DIM by which the program will be implemented. In this same spirit the local effort will be a mutual undertaking of many Mecklenburg churches. These various church relationships are described in Section III.

After extensive consultation with and encouraging support from the GEB/DIM, the sub-committee gave a whole-hearted commitment to the concept of this program. That commitment led to the initiation of the first steps toward implementation, consisting of the employment of a project designer, part-time, and of a determination of the further research needed for detailed recommendations to the churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery. These first steps are described in Section IV.

Most recently the sub-committee has considered carefully the questions of local representation and control as partners in this program, church relationships in Haiti, financial accounting and coordination with Presbytery's capital funds campaign for church development and other vital Presbytery activities. These several concerns are treated in Section V below.

It was stated at the beginning of this report and proposal that there are compelling reasons why a major effort through an integrated development project in cooperation with Haitian Christians will have a tremendous and far-reaching benefit in helping to alleviate the physical and spiritual suffering in Haiti. Support for that statement is given in Section VI below.

Section II. Proposal Recommendations

A. We recommend that Mecklenburg Presbytery, through a Haiti Development Commission of Presbytery undertake, in partnership with Haitian churches and the GEB/DIM, a seven-to-ten year project aimed at alleviating the root causes of hunger in Haiti. (An Addendum to this proposal describing Haiti and the reasons for selecting it as our project site is available upon request.)

B. We recommend that this project be an Integrated Development Project located in the Belledere-Croix Fer region of Haiti and be undertaken in cooperation with Christian churches and community councils in that area. We are prepared to describe the Belledere-Croix Fer region and to give reasons for its selection upon request.

C. We recommend that this project include the following components:

1. **Agriculture Development** (First Priority)

   This component will include such features as irrigation systems, credit centers, storage capability, seeds, fertilizers, agricultural education, cooperatives for purchasing and/or marketing, labor-intensive small farm technology.

2. **Public Health**

   This component will include such features as nutrition, education, vaccinations, emergency health services, sanitation systems.

3. **Family Planning**

   This component will be accomplished in cooperation with the Haitian Government.

4. **Education**

   This component will include such features as agricultural education, vocational training, home economics, and possible assistance in public schools.

5. **Economic Development**

   This component will seek to develop work opportunities, cottage-type industries for better utilization of available labor.

6. **Transportation**

   This component will seek to improve the transportation systems between the locus of the project and other areas for marketing. (example: the road from Belledere to Port-au-Prince)

We are convinced that the root causes of hunger can be alleviated only by such multi-faceted approach, i.e. an **INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

D. We recommend that the project be structured to provide well-defined and clearly designated facets whose support can be undertaken by individual churches in Presbytery, and that a major three-or-four year campaign for spiritual and financial commitment by the churches of Presbytery be undertaken in the spring of 1976 with a goal of at least $700,000 (detailed project costs are in the process of being prepared).

E. We recommend that the immediate and long-range needs of the Belledere-Croix Fer region be given careful continuing study by the Commission and by those Haitians in the churches, the government, and the committees most directly involved to ensure that the program is realistic, relevant, understood, supported enthusiastically, regarded as indigenous and worthy to be maintained after Mecklenburg Presbytery's support is phased out.

F. We recommend that the project emphasize the self-help concept of development which will ultimately result in self-reliance and the ability to help others.

G. We recommend that a director and staff with outstanding spiritual and professional credentials be employed, including Haitian nationals, to begin implementation of the program in September, 1976.

Section III. Relationships Among Churches

A. **Relationships with churches in Haiti.** It is understood that the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. has a strong conviction and commitment to work with and through the established church in each country, including Haiti.

The Haiti Church Sponsors will consist of five or more persons among Christian Haitian nationals committed to the successful conducting of the Development Program, informed about the Belledere-Croix Fer region and willing to volunteer time and effort. It is our expectation that a PCUS missionary in Haiti, or someone else designated by the GEB/DIM, would serve ex-officio on that sponsoring body.

The Haiti Church Sponsors will be chosen by and with the mutual concurrence of GEB/DIM, the Mecklenburg Development Commission, and the Project Designer. While they will submit a more detailed description of their responsibilities, it is understood that their basic function will be to provide the over-all on-site direction and development of the project, to serve as a link with the communities in which the project occurs, to advise the Project Director, to make recommendations to the Mecklenburg Development Commission and GEB/DIM regarding proposed changes, etc., to review periodically the financial reports, and to assume any further responsibilities regarding the project which are recommended by the Mecklenburg Development Commission and GEB/DIM.

The Haiti Church Sponsors will determine their own organization and present a small budget to the Executive Committee of the Commission (see Section V) for minor expenses. The Executive Committee will make a routine authorization for such requests through the Field Treasurer.

This commitment to work with the church in Haiti also means that the first point of entry into the local community where our project occurs will be through the local churches.

We trust that our relationships with churches and Christians in Haiti will be mutually beneficial. We anticipate receiving a personal benefit from this experience in learning from other Christians, many of whom have suffered. We hope that Christians and others in Haiti will learn from our witness something of the love of Jesus Christ as reflected in our love for our brothers and sisters.

It is futher hoped that some of our local congregations in Charlotte will eventually be able to establish a one-to-one relationship with local churches in Haiti—a relationship of mutual growth and support in the faith.

B. **Relationship to the GEB/DIM.** It is understood that the relationship between Mecklenburg Presbyterians and the GEB/DIM working together on this program would be **partnership in mission.** While the locus of the supervision of the program in the U. S. would be in Mecklenburg Presbytery, at least two representatives from the GEB/DIM would be members of the Development Commission. It is understood further that the details of the functioning of that Commission would be decided in consultation with the GEB/DIM. (See also references to the GEB/DIM in Section V.)

C. **Local Presbyterian Churches.** With respect to involvement of local Presbyterian churches, the integrated program as defined by the Commission, Haitian Christians, GEB/DIM and Project Staff will contain a large number of well-defined individual segments of varying cost. It is strongly recommended that individual churches choose a segment of the program to which the individual congregations are led. That list of segments will contain items such as the following:

Up-grading Food Production
- — new crops
- — better varieties, seeds
- — equipment

Transportation
- — landrover
- — improving road beds

Health Services
- — public health programs
- — clinic improvement
- — nutrition programs
- — child development
- — family planning

Education
- — children
- — adults
- — community development

General Agricultural Improvement
- — soil conservation
- — practical fertilizers, insecticides
- — marketing
- — storage
- — irrigation

D. **Other Churches.** It is recommended that Mecklenburg Presbytery remain open to the possibility of inviting churches of other denominations and/or other Presbyterian churches outside Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in this project if such becomes advisable.

Section IV. Initial Steps Taken in Launching the Project

A. **Summary**—The sub-committee is proceeding to gather considerable data for making detailed presentations to individual churches in Presbytery. The Survey Team while in Haiti succeeded in establishing that there is a desperate need, located the optimum site for development, evaluated the credentials of a potential director, and outlined additional local information needed. A proposal has been approved whereby further research is being conducted and a pilot program has begun under Division of International Mission support.

B. **Project Designer**—The Project Designer is responsible for the research programming, planning, and the design of the project which will implement the concepts as outlined in this proposal. It is understood that the Master Plan proposed by the Project Designer will be subject to revision as the project develops.

In God's providence a highly qualified Christian, Mr. Elias Tamari, is available. Mr. Tamari, a naturalized American and Palestinian Quaker, has gained outstanding experience in development work in Algeria and Bangladesh and has served for seven years in Haiti, directing the Church World Service operations there. He and his sociologist-wife are on excellent terms with church leaders, government officials, community leaders, and various U.S. officials related to the work in Haiti. We are convinced, after extensive discussion with Mr. Tamari, after having observed his work in Haiti with C.W.S., and after checking numerous references, that he is the one person most qualified to serve as Project Designer during the first year and possibly as Project Director in future years.

We have therefore employed Mr. Tamari to work on a part-time basis for a period of one year, beginning September 15, 1975. He is authorized to employ, within a limited budget, other part-time personnel (research sociologist, etc.) in order to complete this initial design phase. It is understood that his future relationship to the project will be determined at the end of this one-year employment. As outlined in our Covenant of Employment, Mr. Tamari is responsible for the following:

1. **Project Proposal:** A Preliminary Proposal is due in November, 1975 which will supplement this document. A Complete Proposal is due on February 15, 1976.

2. **Pilot Project:** Mr. Tamari will begin some initial phase of the project in the Belledere-Croix Fer area not later than January 15, 1976.

3. **Preliminary Groundwork:** Mr. Tamari is responsible for working with church leaders, community leaders, and government leaders to explain the project and gain their active support.

4. **Recruitment of Staff:** Mr. Tamari and the Haiti Sponsors will be responsible for the recruitment of staff subject to the approval of GEB/DIM and the Haiti Development Project Commission of Mecklenburg Presbytery. It is understood that additional staff persons will be employed on a gradual basis throughout the year as needed and as budget allows, to be completed by September 15, 1976.

In order to fulfill these responsibilities, we have provided a budget of $12,000. While this Covenant of Employment has been approved by GEB/DIM, it is understood with Mr. Tamari that it is also contingent on the approval of Mecklenburg Presbytery of this proposal.

C. **Project Director**

1. We anticipate that no later than September 15, 1976, a dedicated experienced Christian administrator and sufficient trained staff will be employed to begin the development program.

2. The full extent of the authority of the Director would be specified in writing, in a renewable annual contract, reflecting the agreement of the Commission, the Haiti Church Sponsors and the GEB/DIM. This contract could be amended only by agreement among all three parties. It is anticipated that most detailed decisions regarding the on-going work of the project would be made by the Director.

3. The Director would report at least quarterly in writing to the

Haiti Church Sponsors, with copies of the report sent to the Commission and to the GEB/DIM.

D. **Budget for the Initial Steps**—A budget for carrying out the research and initiating the pilot work described above has been provided from project funds for Haiti, approved by the Hunger Task Force of the General Assembly.

Section V. Project Administration and Capital Funds Campaign

A. **The Commission and the Project Director**—The Haiti Development Commission of Mecklenburg Presbytery is to be charged with responsibility for working in partnership with the Haiti Church Sponsors and the GEB/DIM, and with responsibility for the administration of capital funds received.

1. This Commission, meeting at least quarterly, would be nominated by Presbytery's Personnel Committee and would consist of four teaching elders, six ruling elders from churches directly involved in the Haiti Development Program, two ex-officio members who are members of GEB or staff persons of GEB/DIM, and three advisory members. It is recommended that during the initial stages of the project approximately half of the elected members of the Haiti Development Commission be members of the Study Team or committees preparing this proposal (see names of members in Section I. Presbytery's Personnel Committee would designate a convener, and the Commission would then determine its organization, its tenure of members, etc. The Commission would select an Executive Committee consisting of one teaching elder, one ruling elder, and one GEB/DIM person.
2. The Commission would consult with the GEB/DIM and with the Haiti Church Sponsors in setting policies and making decisions on the entire conduct of the Development Program. Decisions would be by consensus of the three interested parties for all major considerations. Plans and ideas could be initiated by any of the three parties, forwarded to the others in writing.
3. The Commission would oversee through its Executive Committee expenditures of funds from a special Presbytery account, funds being channeled through the GEB/DIM to its Field Treasurer in Haiti. The Executive Committee would authorize major expenditures only when instructed to do so by a majority of the ten local members of the Commission with concurrence of an ex-officio GEB/DIM member. Records of all receipts and authorizations would be kept by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee would report fully at all meetings of the Commission.
4. The Commission would provide part-time help as needed by the Field Treasurer to maintain full and regular accounting of project funds in Haiti. An annual report on funds received and dispensed would be prepared by the Executive Committee, certified by the Field Treasurer, and filed with Presbytery's Treasurer. It is understood that these funds will be subject to an annual audit through the GEB/DIM.
5. The Commission would report annually on all its activities, including handling of funds, to Mecklenburg Presbytery, two copies of the report being sent to all the churches of Presbytery.

B. **Coordination with Presbytery's Capital Funds Campaign for Church Development and the General Benevolences Budget**

1. The sub-committee regards the long sequence of events that has brought us to the present proposal, the simultaneous avail-

ability of the eminently qualified Project Designer, Mr. Elias Tamari, and the drastic hunger needs now before us in Haiti, as a direct leading by the Holy Spirit for prompt action. We propose the major capital funds campaign to finance the project to begin in the spring of 1976 and to extend for three to four years.

2. Mecklenburg Presbytery has particular need at this time for capital funds for church development in the Presbytery. We support the efforts to meet that need and propose a joint campaign, the details of which would be arranged between the sub-committee and those responsible for the church development campaign. We feel that such a joint campaign should give the Hunger Project in Haiti top priority in the allocation of funds, following the lead of our General Assembly's priorities.
3. Should local churches and/or individuals find it undesirable or impossible to complete their financial commitment in the recommended three-four year campaign, they are encouraged to find alternative means of contributing throughout the life (seven-ten years) of the project.
4. It is understood that this campaign will be over and above the contributions made to General Benevolences which retain their priority.
5. Members of churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery will be challenged to change their own life style in order to reduce levels of consumption and to give sacrificially to meet the needs of those in Haiti who have so little.

Section VI. Evaluation, Hopes, Expectations

A. An initial review of the project will be conducted at the end of the first year in order to modify it on the basis of our experience and changing circumstances.

B. A regular annual review of progress toward the related goals of real development and alleviation of hunger in Haiti will be conducted by the Commission and reported to Presbytery. This review will be systematic and directed to major long-range objectives. A final comprehensive report after eight years will analyze carefully the achievements to that time and recommend future directions.

C. It must be noted that realistically attacking root causes of hunger and bringing about real and long-lasting development are not short-range processes. A call for immediate results can be misleading and destructive of necessary relationships. Changing of patterns of community life and agricultural activity take years. An early vision of an ultimate goal may not be an adequate vision of what the Holy Spirit will do with people working together over an extended period of time—especially in view of new needs and possibilities that develop.

D. Keeping in mind the modest expectations for material changes, there are still a number of compelling reasons for hope that this program will be successful.

1. Haitians will be intimately involved in the program at all levels. Government officials, community leaders, leaders of several Christian groups will have input. The experience of working with us in a program of service will have positive effects on the Haitian churches and life style of Christians. (The experiences of working with dedicated Christians in an area of suffering will likewise benefit us.)
2. There is available to us perhaps the strongest and most experienced leadership that realistically could be conceived for a major project in a foreign land.

3. The area to which we have been led is, in many respects, ripe for development. Natural resources of water, land, climate are there to be developed and used. People ready to be put to work, organized communities with positive and open leadership, several on-going church and mission groups on the scene, and stable local political climate are very desirable factors. The likelihood of much improved transportation is there.
4. Our GEB/DIM has very extensive experience in development in many situations around the world. And we have been present in Haiti long enough to learn much about the application of this experience successfully in that special situation.
5. Innumerable citizens and young people from Presbyterian and other denominations in Mecklenburg (and in many other N. C. communities) have recently worked in Haiti. Many useful and rewarding relationships have developed between us and them.
6. There is a strong conviction among our churches that the Holy Spirit is at work in new and significant ways in the efforts to alleviate hunger. Our members are now ready, willing, and anxious to join with the Spirit in undertaking specific, well-defined projects of service, compassion and love.

The report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was presented by the Chairman, Charles C. Cowsert. Section I of the report was received as information, and item No. 2 of Section II was adopted.

Presbytery's attention is called to the matter of travel and other costs to Candidates appearing before the Committee for examination with a view toward reception and installation and since this frequently constitutes a problem for the Candidate the Committee **recommends.**

That churches or church agencies calling unordained personnel requiring examination by the Ordination Committee pay travel and related costs of such candidates for such purposes, and

That the Sub-Committee on Ordination be instructed to inform the calling church or agency of this policy when such a call has been extended.

John B. Rogers, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Minister Transfers, presented John Abbott Wilkerson, Jr., Pastor-Elect of the Huntersville Church, now of Concord Presbytery, for examination with a view toward reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Mr. Wilkerson made a statement as to his Christian experience. He was then examined concerning his views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Wilkerson was placed in his hands and by him accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of the call to Mr. Wilkerson. He was then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers and the following Commission was appointed to install him.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL JOHN A. WILKERSON, JR. AS PASTOR OF HUNTERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

F. A. Mathes, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

John B. Rogers, Jr., To preach the Sermon
Robert J. James

RULING ELDERS

Hudson T. Meacham, Jr. (Bethel), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

Joseph T. Drake (Davidson College), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Jimmy Dove (Huntersville)

Presbytery took recess at 3:00 P.M.

The Meeting was resumed at 3:15 P.M.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Zane M. Moore. After considerable discussion, the Report as a whole, including the paper on The Charismatic Movement as amended, was adopted.

Since the September 23, 1975 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister met on October 14 and November 11, 1975. Matters coming from these meetings, plus one remaining matter from the September 16, 1975 meeting, which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of September 16, 1975:

1. The terms of call of the Huntersville Presbyterian Church to The Reverend Mr. John Abbott Wilkerson, Jr. to serve as Minister were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary	$11,100.00
Auto Allowance	1,800.00
Continuing Education Allowance	300.00
Full Annuity at 12%	
Manse	
Manse Utilities	600.00
Major Medical for Minister and Family	
Conference Expense	100.00
Four Weeks Annual Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
Permission for 1976—Three weeks in January and three weeks in May to complete study for Doctor of Ministry Degree at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia	
Moving Costs from Hickory	

From the meeting of October 14, 1975:

1. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregations, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship of The Reverend Mr. Steven E. Barrett and the Camden and Morven Presbyterian Churches, effective October 16, 1975, in order that he might accept a call of the Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina, as Associate Minister and that a letter of transfer be sent to the Congaree Presbytery, Synod of the Southeast.
2. The Commission recommends that the paper written by Hanover Presbytery on the "Charismatic Movement", as amended by the Commission, be accepted by Mecklenburg Presbytery and mailed to the ministers and clerks of session of the churches of Presbytery.
3. At his own request, the membership of The Reverend Mr. James H. Shackelford was transferred to Brazos Presbytery, Synod of Red River, effective November 1, 1975, where he is completing his

Residency in Pastoral Counseling in a program sponsored jointly by the Institute of Religion and Human Development and the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences.

4. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Dr. Carl Pritchett was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Westminster Church and as Stated Supply for three months or until a minister is installed, beginning November 1, 1975.

5. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, The Reverend Mr. C. Linwood Cheshire was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Sessions of the Camden and Morven Churches.

6. The Commission recommends that Mecklenburg Presbytery grant permission to The Reverend Mr. Joe P Arnold to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as a student in clinical pastoral education for a period of six months at South Carolina State Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina.

From the meeting of November 11, 1975:

1. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that Mecklenburg Presbytery dissolve the relationship of The Reverend Mr. R. Lee Nichols as Associate Pastor of the Avondale Church, effective December 12, 1975, in order that he might accept the call of the University Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as Associate Pastor and that a letter of transfer be sent to South Louisiana Presbytery, Synod of Red River.

2. Minister/Clerks of Session are reminded that all changes in terms of call must be approved by Presbytery and will be approved only after the proper form is filled out, signed by the clerk of the congregational meeting, and returned to the Pastoral Oversight Committee. The forms were in the September Presbytery packet; if you have misplaced the form, write Kenneth P. Craig, 1600 Mallard Creek Church Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28213.

   This information is essential so that the Commission may follow the recommendation of the 1974 General Assembly: That Presbyteries be urged to maintain up-to-date records of the salaries and all other allowances of all their ministers by requiring annual reports from all their ministers and by insisting that all changes in covenants be submitted to Presbytery for approval, and that the Presbyteries be urged to use such data to assist the GEB in gathering information for suggested minimums.

3. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Dr. William B. Ward was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Avondale Church for December 12-31, 1975.

4. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Dr. A. F. Mathes was appointed to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session and as Stated Supply of the Thomasboro Church for November and December, 1975.

5. That Presbytery hear a brief report from Dr. Horace E. Stoessel.

6. That Presbytery hear a report from the Reverend Dr. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

"THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT"

A Statement Adopted and Distributed By
Mecklenburg Presbytery

The Commission on the Minister of Mecklenburg Presbytery has recently been involved in seeking to assist some of our ministers and sessions in problems related to the "peace and unity" of the church and the **Charismatic Movement.** Out of this experience has come a felt need for some statement from the Presbytery regarding this religious phenomenon and containing some guidelines for ministers, sessions and individuals.

The Commission asked two of our most competent theologians in the Presbytery to consider writing such a paper. After reflection on the matter and preliminary study, they reported to the Commission that the statement adopted by Hanover Presbytery (without dissent) in the Spring of 1975 was most adequate to our needs and suggested that the Commission recommend it to Presbytery for adoption. The Commission on the Minister has studied the paper quite carefully and has made two minor amendments. We have also received permission from Hanover Presbytery to use their statement for adoption and distribution by Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Commission on the Minister recommends that the paper written by Hanover Presbytery on **"The Charismatic Movement"** as amended by the Commission be adopted by Mecklenburg Presbytery and mailed to the ministers and clerks of sessions of the churches of Presbytery.

"Charisma" in the New Testament means "grace" or "gift" of God. In this sense every Christian is charismatic, having been blessed by God with certain gifts. However, as used today, the term has come to be used of a certain type of experience as described in this paper.

THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

Mecklenburg Presbytery, in response to expressed concerns and problems resulting from the manifestations of the charismatic movement in churches within its bounds, makes the following statement regarding the theological validity of the charismatic movement and the practical problems related to it. The statement is to provide information for and guidance to individuals and sessions in their individual and corporate responses to this movement.

I. WHAT IS THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT?

The charismatic movement, which is now manifesting itself with the older churches (Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and others), is a movement many of whose exponents have had an experience which they call "the baptism of (with, in) the Holy Spirit" or sometimes "the filling of (with) the Holy Spirit." They speak of it primarily as an extraordinary sense of God's reality and presence in which the Holy Spirit is experienced as the power to serve and witness to Christ in word and deed. The movement is thus regarded by its exponents as a legitimate instrument of spiritual revival with Scriptural justifications.

At times the charismatic experience is attended in some persons with manifestations such as speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, powers of healing, exorcism and other practices not normally associated with the denominations' accustomed style of congregational life. These manifestations are regarded by them as true gifts of the Spirit which are available and valid today, as they were in New Testament times. By speaking in tongues, often referred to as glossolalia, we mean the utterance in prayer and worship of sounds that give the impression of being either ecstatic or a language hitherto unknown to the speaker.

The problems to which the charismatic movement has given rise are related primarily to these particular manifestations mentioned above and attitudes toward them. It is this phase of the movement with which the Presbytery is primarily concerned and hence it is in this specific sense that the term, charismatic, is used in the remainder of this paper.

II. THE THEOLOGICAL VALIDITY OF THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

The position of the Presbyterian Church in the United States toward various aspects of the charismatic movement has been set forth in two papers: (1) a report on "Glossolalia" adopted by the 1965 General Assembly, and (2) a report on "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" adopted by and commended to the churches for study by the 1971 General Assembly. There is an even fuller report on "The Work of the Holy Spirit," accepted and released by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in 1970 and an able report on "The Charismatic Movement Within the Church of Scotland" referred to the presbyteries for study by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1974.

This paper makes no attempt to reproduce the extended exegetical and theological studies of the Holy Spirit in these four reports, but in general agreement with them, Mecklenburg Presbytery summarizes its position regarding issues which have arisen in the following statement:

> Speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing and exorcism may be true gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were in the New Testament. These particular gifts, however, were not essential to the full Christian experience in the New Testament, nor were they included among the higher gifts which the Corinthian Christians were urged to seek (I Cor. 12:31); they cannot, therefore, be so considered today. Moreover, no individual or court of the church can know with certainty that any specific instance of charismatic experience in the church today is or is not a true manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Those who feel that their Christian life has been renewed by these particular gifts should be concerned to avoid divisiveness and should seek to promote harmony in the church. There is no place in the church for a self-conscious party—charismatic or other—which claims exclusive or superior possession of the Holy Spirit. Those who have not had these particular experiences of the Holy Spirit should be equally concerned to avoid divisiveness and promote harmony. They should also recognize that the charismatic movement may reflect a spiritual hunger in the church and should acknowledge and use more fully the gifts with which the Holy Spirit has endowed them. All should remember that no gifts are of value without love.

This general position is supported and elaborated by the following points:

1. **The Holy Spirit dwells in all believing Christians.**

All Christians are born of the Spirit. It is through His working that they enter the Christian life (are justified) and that they grow in the Christian life (are sanctified).

2. **There may be further bestowals of the Spirit.**

There may be a filling or refilling with the Spirit subsequent to His original reception. This subsequent bestowal may bring a deepening of faith and a keener awareness of God's presence and power, whereby believers are enabled to bear a witness to their Lord more faithfully than before. It may or may not be accompanied by charismatic manifestations and charismatic gifts may or may not be an evidence of such further filling by the Spirit.

3. **Every Christian has some spiritual gift.** "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (I Cor. 12:7). These gifts are of great variety but proceed from one and the same Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:4-11, 27-31; Ephes. 4:11-12; I Peter 4:10-11). Thus there is no warrant for evaluating tongues, healing, exorcism, and the like above service, teaching, exhortation, liberal contribution, giving aid, and the like. To teach that some Christians have spiritual gifts while others do not is neither valid nor desirable. All Christians need to employ more faithfully the gifts they have, and to be open to whatever additional gifts the Spirit is prepared to bestow.

4. **The bestowal of gifts is only part of the Spirit's work.** The New Testament strongly emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of Jesus, the mission of the church, and the life of the believer. Only rarely does it refer to the more unusual charismatic gifts. Moreover, much of the limited reference is given over in First Corinthians (Chapters 12-14) to the dangers of abuse and misunderstanding of the gifts of tongues. In that letter Paul did not forbid the exercise of this gift; he restricted its exercise, however, in public worship and clearly he did not include it among the higher gifts.

5. **The Fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). Where there is no such fruit the absence of the Spirit may be suspected. Where there is such the presence of the Spirit may be recognized.

6. **Love has first place in the body of Christ.** A charismatic gift is, above all, a service done in love for our brothers and sisters. To be filled with the Spirit therefore means to love one another, to bear one another's burdens.

III. GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.

We believe that the Church needs to pray for a sensitivity to see the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in our world today. It is not always easy to discriminate between the true, the mistaken and the fraudulent, but the difficulty of doing so, and the fear of the unknown and the unfamiliar should not blind us to the many and diverse effects of the Spirit in the lives of the believers. Those who are newly endowed with gifts and perceptions of the Spirit have an enthusiasm and joy to give and those who rejoice in the more traditional modes of work and worship have a sobering depth to give. There should be a mutuality of respect and affection.

In facing the issues raised by charismatic experiences we call for a spirit of openness and love. We commend to our churches the disciplines of I Corinthians 14, along with those of the 22nd chapter of our Confession of Faith on Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience.

The criterion by which we judge the validity of another's religious experience must always be its compatibility with the mind and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we know them in the New Testament. Experiences which increase self-righteousness, hostility, exaggerated claims of knowledge and power are subject to serious question. However, when experiences clearly result in deeper faith, joy and blessings to others, we may conclude that here the Spirit is at work.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL

1. Be open to new ways in which God by his Spirit may be speaking to the Church (I Thess. 5:19-22). Remember that the Spirit does not speak on His own authority, but takes what is Christ's and declares it to us (John 16:12-15). Welcome new experiences which deepen your understanding of God's revelation given once for all in Jesus Christ; question those which would displace or supersede that revelation.

2. Be tolerant and accepting of those whose Christian experience differs from your own.

3. Cultivate fellowship with all; support the total program of your church and of your denomination. Do not separate yourselves from those with whom you disagree, thus dividing the body of Christ.

4. Remember that when disagreement arises in the church concerning doctrine, worship and order, including matters treated in this paper, individuals have the right to ask the session to resolve the issue and, if desired, to carry the issue from the session to the higher courts, in regular gradation. The session has a similar right to carry issues to the higher courts, it being understood that "the lower courts are subject to the review and control of the higher courts" (**BCO** 14-5).

GUIDELINES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD CHARISMATIC EXPERIENCES

1. Keep your charismatic experience in perspective. No doubt it has caused you to feel that you are a better Christian. Remember that this does not mean that you are better than other Christians, but that you are perhaps a better Christian than you were before.

2. Remember that there are many types of Christian experience other than your own which lead to spiritual growth.

3. Avoid undisciplined and undiplomatic enthusiasm in your eagerness to share your experiences with others. Resist the temptation to pose as an authority of spiritual experiences.

GUIDELINES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD CHARISMATIC EXPERIENCES

1. We believe that God is constantly seeking to reform and renew His Church, every church, including our own. The advent of the charismatic movement into the life of our denomination may be one aspect of reformation and renewal. In any case, pray that God make known to you your own place in the process of reformation and renewal.

2. Should some fellow member of your congregation have charismatic experiences, accept this development matter-of-factly. Should it happen to edify, thank God.

3. Be aware of the tendency to condemn any movement that is strange or new. At least make an attempt to inform yourself. Avoid secondhand judgments. Test the charismatic movement by the fruit it produces in your congregation and in the mission of your church.

4. Do not be disturbed if this experience has not been given to you. This does not mean that you are an inferior Christian. Seek rather to know your own spiritual gifts. Your function in the work and mission of your congregation may call for other gifts. Each Christian is a unique member of the body of Christ and has his or her own unique mission with corresponding gifts.

GUIDELINES FOR SESSIONS

1. Sessions are reminded that they are "charged with maintaining the spiritual government of the church" and vested with powers to accomplish this purpose (**BCO**, Section 15-6). Each session is, therefore, responsible for deciding under what conditions charismatic practices are to be permitted in the life of its particular congregation.

2. In reaching and implementing its decisions with regard to charismatic practices the session should adhere faithfully to the following principles:

(a) Development of a balanced Christian life. All the ministries of the church, pulpit, pastoral and educational, should seek to cultivate in members of the congregation well-rounded Christian growth, with no disproportionate emphasis on any one of its aspects, charismatic or other.

(b) Maintenance of order. The session is specifically reminded of its power to "exercise . . . authority . . . over the uses to which the church building and associated properties may be put" (**BCO** 15-6(10) and that "all organizations within the particular church shall be subject to the review and control of the session" (**BCO** 15-6(16). It is the session's responsibility to become fully informed of the nature and content of all gatherings of the congregation. The session should insist that in all gatherings of the congregation everything be done for edification, without confusion, decently and in order (I Cor. 14). The fact that charismatic practices may be new and different, is not in itself adequate reason for repression.

(c) Preservation of peace and unity. The session, in accordance with the ordination vow of its members to study the peace and unity of the church, should strive to prevent the emergence of a group of charismatics who regard others as those who have not received the Spirit in full measure. Pastor and elders have a common responsibility to see that neither charismatic worship and teaching, nor the reaction to it, becomes a divisive element within the congregation.

3. The session should become knowledgeable concerning the charismatic movement with respect both to its potential contributions to the congregation's spiritual life and mission and to the problems it may create.

4. The session should safeguard the right of every member of the congregation to exercise whatever gift the Spirit gives. It may insist, however, that these gifts be exercised for the common good and in love.

5. The session should safeguard the right of the minister to follow his or her conscience and understanding of God's Word. The pastor is expected, however, to assume normal responsibility for preaching, pastoral care of the whole flock, educational, and administrative work. If a pastor feels called to a special ministry that prevents the carrying out of the normal pastoral tasks, the session may properly take steps to see that his or her relationship with that congregation be reexamined.

6. Regarding the gift of healing. Christians should pray for healing, as they always have. Some today outside the medical profession may have received a special gift of healing through the spiritual power released or made available by faith, and prayer. Experience has made it clear, however, that the claim to such gifts is subject to serious misunderstanding and to grave abuse. It should be exercised therefore with extreme care. Proper medical attention should be encouraged; any suggestion

that medical services may be dispensed with is to be decisively rejected.

7. Regarding exorcism and prayer counseling. The knowledge of the healthy and unhealthy workings of the human phyche that has come to us since the first century is a good gift of God to humankind. Sessions should question seriously forms of "exorcism" or "prayer counseling" which ignore the knowledge and skill God has given us through the behavoral sciences. Demon possession should not be too quickly or carelessly proposed nor easily dismissed as an explanation of the patient's physical, mental or spiritual condition. The church should be on its guard against the recrudescence of the occult which is occurring in our culture today.

8. Regarding such gifts as "prophecy," "interpretation" (of tongues) and "the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge" (I Cor. 12:8-10). When possession of these is claimed, care should be taken that no claim, either implicit or explicit, is advanced that the speaker is other than a fallible individual, who may or may not be transmitting a true word from God in this particular instance.

In conclusion, we affirm that for all Christians JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, and herein lies our oneness, the unity of His Body, the Church.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, George O. Stovall. The report was adopted as amended.

REPORT OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Davidson College Trustees

Mason Wallace (Sardis) to replace W. F. Mulliss
J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) Second Term

Presbytery Trustees

Robert C. Hord to serve as Chairman
Robert C. Hord (1) (Covenant)
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Lewis Bledsoe
Richard Shaw
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Jeff Aiken to be Chairman
Scott Lindsay
Tony Tucker
Warren Nance
James McKinnon
Alf Canon (Myers Park)
Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
Dr. Harvey Johnston (Forest Hill)

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Nancy Odham (St. John)
George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

Pre-Ordination & In-Service Training
Fred Holder
Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)

Evaluating & Review
Robert Rayburn to be Chairman
Roger Melton to replace Ed Wilson
David Beach (Badin)

Christian Education
Zack Piephoff, Jr. to be Chairman
Ken Craig
Robert Smith
Fred Horner to replace Gatewood
Wallace Johnson to replace Edwards
Ken Woodard to replace Lee Nichols
Roger Smith (Covenant)
Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
Gabe Hill (Sharon)
Bill Kenyon (Caldwell) for Smith
Robert Vaughn (Westminster) for Green
Jane Walkup (Plaza)
Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
Paula Kelton (Davidson) for Hopkins
Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek) to replace Anne Cowsert

Institutional Ministries
Rush Otey
Anne Vickers (Sardis)

Research & Strategy
Ed Wayland—Second Term
Larry Kline
William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)

Deployment & Sustentation
C. L. Cheshire, Jr. to be Chairman
Frank Wilkinson
Glenn Hill
L. L. Hoover (Third)
L. M. Kimbrough (Davidson College) Second Term

Specialized Ministry
Wayne Aughinbaugh
Tom Reinowski
Ed Parnell (Avondale) for Kellam
Don Haas (First Union) for Monteith
Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson) Second Term

World Missions
Wendell Ligon
Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)

Court Meetings
David Wilkinson to be Chairman
Marcus Prince III
French O'Shields
N. J. Owens (Christ)

Interpretation
Frank Caldwell to be Chairman
Neely Dixon McCarter
Mary DeWitt Dukes (Charlotte First)

Worship

David Fletcher to be Chairman
Don Stroud to replace Lindsay
Arthur Beard
Hugh Neisler (Pageland) Second Term

Presbyterian Home

Russel Kerr
Robert Utsman (Sharon)

Presbyterian Family Life Center

Charles Kirby to replace W. G. Katibah, Jr.

Task Force on Hunger

Howard Smith to replace James K. Batten

The following Ruling and Teaching Elders were elected by Presbytery to fill vacancies on the Personnel Committee:

MINISTERS	LAY MEMBERS
1976 Kenneth P. Craig	1978 Mrs. Edith Gardner
1978 Richard P. Shaw	(Seigle Avenue)
1978 L. I. Stell (Chm.)	1978 Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)

L. I. Stell to serve as Chairman

Robert S. Hough, Chairman, presented the report of the Worship Committee. It was received as information.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by Lewis W. Bledsoe and the recommendations were adopted.

1. That Sessional Records of the following be approved:

Albemarle
Albemarle Road
Avondale
Belk, W. H.
Benton Heights
Bethlehem
Calvary
Camden
Central Steele Creek
Charlotte First
Clanton Memorial
Cook's Memorial
Davidson College
East
First Union
Forest Hill
Hopewell
Indian Trail
Johnston Memorial
Mallard Creek
Matthews
Monroe First
Morven
Mulberry
Myers Park
Newell
Norwood
Oakboro
Pageland
Philadelphia
Providence
Quail Hollow
Ramah
Ridgecrest
Robinson
St. Andrews
St. Giles
St. John
Salem
Sardis
Selwyn Avenue
Sharon
Siler
Smallwood
Steele Creek
Stephenson
Sugaw Creek
Third (Charlotte)
Trinity
Turner
Wadesboro
Walkersville
Westover Hills

2. That those churches not having sent in their Sessional Records are instructed to do so before December 15, 1975.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Vernon Dodd, and adopted by Presbytery.

Mecklenburg Presbytery expresses its deepest appreciation to the Directors of Alexander Children's Center for providing a beautiful and comfortable place of meeting.

We are particularly thankful for the opportunity to learn more about the work and needs of the Center. For many persons new to the Center's ministry, we welcomed a chance to explore the lovely campus and have many questions answered by available staff persons.

To each person at the Center who played a part in enabling an efficient meeting, a good lunch, and ample refreshments at recesses, we all extend a hearty thank you.

We thank our retiring moderator, Rev. Roy Coker, for his message broadening our awareness of the mission in Zaire with his personal message entitled "A Weekend At Bibanga."

Also we commend Rev. Kenneth Craig for the fair and judicious manner in which he moderated this meeting.

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by Robert O. Freeman. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the World Missions Committee was made by Finley M. Grissett, Jr., and received as information.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and adopted. The members of Presbytery stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The Court stood adjourned to meet in the Chapel of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte on December 30, 1975 at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose as stated at our last meeting.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Jan. 1960	Charlotte First	Rev. R. W. Rayburn
April, 1960	Amity Church	Rev. W. M. Boyce, Jr.
July, 1960	Covenant Church	Rev. James E. Fogartie
Sept., 1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb. 1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May 1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford
Sept. 1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov. 1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1976

Officers of The Presbytery:

Glenn B. Robinson, Moderator of February Meeting, Post Office Box 17632, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Moderator of May Meeting, Route 3, Box 441, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Robert J. James, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Associate Presbyter for Christian Education, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1976—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (2), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (1), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (1)

1977—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

Presbytery:

Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant), Chairman, 2242 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

1976—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant) (Chm.)

1977—James Crews (Trinity)

1978—David Berryhill (Albemarle Road)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park), Chairman, 810 Baxter Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1976—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1976—Charles L. Kirby
1977—G. Carswell Hughs
1978—Lewis Bledsoe
1978—Richard P. Shaw

Elders

1976—Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
1976—Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) (Chm.)
1977—Forney Michael (Paw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
J. K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28130

Ministers

1976—W. G. Katibah, Jr.
1976—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1976—Scott Lindsay
1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—J. K. Aiken, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—T. W. Tucker
1978—Warren Nance
1978—James McKinnon

Elders

1976—B. Lamar Thomas (Hickory Grove)
1976—James A. Barrus (Sardis)
1976—James B. McMillan (Charlotte First)
1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1978—A. O. Canon (Myers Park)
1978—Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
1978—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)

2. Commission on the Minister
Zane M. Moore, Chairman, P. O. Box 7124, Charlotte, N. C. 28217

Ministers

1976—Zane M. Moore (Chm.)
1976—Henry S. Robinson
1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth
1977—D. W. Oldenburg
1978—Edward C. Wilson
1978—Charles E. S. Kraemer

Elders

1976—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1976—Mac Price Brown (Steele Creek)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Nancy Odham (St. John)
1978—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training
Julius W. Melton, Jr., Chairman, Box 345, Davidson, N. C. 28036

Ministers

1976—Julius W. Melton, Jr. (Chm.)
1977—Horace E. Stoessel
1978—Fred Holder

Elders

1976—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)
1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review
Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1976—Jennings B. Reid
1977—Roger P. Melton
1978—Robert W. Rayburn (Chm.)

Lay Members

1976—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1977—Mrs. Frank Funderburk (Monroe First)
1978—David Beach (Badin)

2. Christian Education

Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., Chairman, 2304 The Plaza, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1976—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr. (Chm.)
1976—Wallace Johnson
1976—Ken Woodard
1976—R. Zach Thomas, III
1977—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
1977—Fred Horner
1977—E. E. Washington
1978—Kenneth P. Craig
1978—Robert E. Smith, Jr.

Lay Members

1976—Robert Vaughn (Westminster)
1976—Mrs. Ray Cunningham (Covenant)
1976—Mrs. H. B. Hrabanek (Providence)
1976—Mrs. Randall Ayers (Charlotte First)
1976—Mrs. Bobbie Berry (Smallwood)
1977—Mrs. Paula Kelton (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1977—Bill Kenyon (Caldwell Memorial)
1977—Mrs. G. B. Michie (Seigle Ave.)
1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)
1978—Gabe C. Hill, III (Sharon)
1978—Mrs. Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Jane Walkup (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
1978—Roger Smith (Covenant)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), Chairman, 1117 Greentree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1976—Robert L. Morgan, Jr.
1977—Glenn B. Robinson
1978—W. R. Otey, III

Lay Members

1976—Hugh D. Verner, M.D. (Myers Park)
1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) (Chm.)
1978—Miss Ann Vickers (Sardis)

2. Research and Strategy

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1976—Thomas A. Little, Jr.
1976—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1977—James E. Ratchford
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
1978—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
1978—W. L. Kline

Lay Members

1976—Jack Zimmerman (Williams Memorial)
1976—W. T. Alexander (Mallard Creek)
1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Daniel Brooks (Carmel)
1978—William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1978—John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

C. L. Cheshire, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, N. C. 28170

Ministers

1976—Lawrence I. Stell
1976—F. A. Mathes
1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. (Chm.)
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III
1978—Frank Wilkinson
1978—Glenn L. Hill

Lay Members

1976—James B. Kuykendall (Covenant)
1976—J. Pat Miller (Thomasboro)
1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Miss Ann Duckwall (Albemarle First)
1978—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College)

4. Specialized Ministry

William B. Ward, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1976—William B. Ward (Chm.)
1976—John A. Luddy, Jr.
1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1977—John R. MacKinnon
1978—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
1978—Tom Reinowski

Lay Members

1976—Mrs. J. Pat Ruddell (Trinity)
1977—Mrs. Curtina Bradley (Smallwood)
1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)
1978—Ed Parnell (Avondale)
1978—Don Haas (First Union)
1978—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)

5. International Missions

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman, 3501 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1976—Earle D. Roberts
1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—J. Wendell Ligon

Lay Members

1976—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Ave.)
1978—Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel Committee

L. I. Stell, Chairman, Route 2—Box S540, Denver, N. C. 28037

Ministers

1976—Roy W. Coker
1976—Kenneth P. Craig
1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1978—L. I. Stell (Chm.)

Lay Members

1976—J. V. Andrews, Jr. (Caldwell Memorial)
1976—Joe R. Hudson (Providence)
1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1978—Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Ave.)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)

2. Court Meetings

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1976—Marcus B. Prince, III
1977—David E. Wilkinson (Chm.)
1978—French B. O'Shields, Jr.

Lay Members

1976—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)
1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
1978—N. J. Owens (Christ)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, 1117 Linganore Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28203

Ministers

1976—
1977—Frank H. Caldwell (Chm.)
1978—Neely McCarter

Lay Members

1976—Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek)
1977—Miss Bettie McEwen (Philadelphia)
1978—Miss Ruth Farrior (Plaza)

2. Worship

J. David Fletcher, Chairman, 2831 North Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1976—J. David Fletcher (Chm.)
1977—Donald Stroud
1978—J. Arthur Beard

Lay Members

1976—Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill)
1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1978—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1976—G. Carswell Hughs
1977—Russell M. Kerr

1977—Robert Utsman (Sharon)
1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity), G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Rodney C. Shoemaker, Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster), Mrs. Ruth Topping (Charlotte First), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

Task Force on Hunger

Neil M. McMillan, Chairman, 2929 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Mrs. Hugh Verner (Myers Park), A. T. Trimble, Jr., Ph.D. (Charlotte First), Mrs. Ira Schmidt (Selwyn Avenue), Mrs. Charles Evans (Myers Park), T. A. Little, Jr., R. W. Rayburn, Mrs. James R. Scruggs (Selwyn Avenue), Douglas W. Oldenburg, Mrs Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Dr. John Pleasants (Trinity), Frank Bynum (St. Giles), James Williams (Monroe First), Cullen Ferguson (Charlotte First), Mrs. T. A. Little, Jr. (St. Andrews), H. Howard Smith.

Task Force on Counseling

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

David E. Wilkinson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Russell M. Kerr, Mrs. Fred R. McAlister, Jr. (Third), Mrs. Harold Smoak (Trinity)

Women of the Church President

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Frederick Alvin Herbert Coates, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Fred Craven Douglas, Appalachian State University, Huntersville Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Robert Curtis Fussell, III, Louisville Seminary, Sardis Church

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William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

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Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
December 30, 1975

The Presbytery met on this date in the Chapel of the Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2:30 P.M. The Moderator, Kenneth P. Craig, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

A Quorum was declared present.

The Enrollment was taken as follows:

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., J. Arthur Beard, Lewis W. Bledsoe, J. Craig Butler, John A. Carriker, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, E. L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., R. O. Freeman, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Warner L. Hall, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Jr., Fred C. Holder, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, George H. V. Hunter, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, D. Scott Lindsay, T. A. Little, Jr., T. W. MacLean, R. S. Maclin, III, F. A. Mathes, F. R. McAlister, Sr., F. R. McAlister, Jr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Julius W. Melton, Jr., Robert L. Morgan, Jr., Zane M. Moore, A. J. Morrison, Warren G. Nance, D. W. Oldenburg, W. R. Otey, H. Louis Patrick, M. B. Prince, Jr., Carl R. Pritchett, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Tom K. Reinowski, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, H. Howard Smith, Lawrence I. Stell, Donald E. Stroud, A. Leslie Thompson, L. W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, W. B. Ward, J. E. Wayland, Sr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: R. Zach Thomas, III, John Crawford, Earl MacCormac, Larry Kline, Jr., Eldon Wadsworth, W. D. Morton, Neil Leach, C. Betts Huntley, W. G. Katibah, Jr., David Wilkinson, Tom Nash, John Luddy, A. Merrell Keith, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Robert Burnett, Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, George Ducker, David Fletcher.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Roger Melton, J. E. Wayland, Jr., Robert Benson, Frank Wilkinson, J. W. Ligon, Fred Horner, James A. Cannon, Jennings B. Reid, Paul Horne, W. M. Edwards, W. A. Dysard, Jr., Bob Teed, Zack Piephoff, Jr., Wallace Johnson, M. B. Prince, III, R. E. Smith, Jr., Neil McMillan, J. H. McKinnon, E. E. Washington, A. Rudolph Hendricks, E. O. Byrd, Jr., Rod Shoemaker, J. R. MacKinnon, J. E. Smylie, Horace Stoessel.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, J. C. Holbrook; Albemarle Road, Thomas E. Miller; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Mrs. John Butler; Badin, A. D. Beach; Benton Heights, Harry Boone; Bethlehem, Ira H. Helms; Caldwell Memorial, R. V. Mason; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Central Steele Creek, W. Lester Youngblood; Charlotte First, Robert Glasgow, James A. White; Christ, Malcolm S. Rhyne, Jr.; Cook's Memorial, Richard Rozzelle; Covenant, James B. Kuykendall, Jr., W. D. Turner; Hopewell, James H. Sherrill; Huntersville, C. H. Smith;

Indian Trail, Kenneth C. Gantz, Jr.; Locust, Coil Barbee; Mallard Creek, T. D. McLaughlin; Marshville, Ben F. Parker; Matthews, L. H. Overton; Memorial, James A. Johnston; Myers Park, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, J. F. Caldwell; Norwood, F. M. Haire; Paw Creek, A. G. Brown, Jr.; Philadelphia, J. H. Keziah; Plaza, Inez Baucom, Walter Johnson; Providence, Henry D. Niven; Ramah, Harry J. Washam; Robinson, Robert L. Hill; St. Andrews, Herb W. Coates; Sardis, Bill Kenup, Kent T. Paterson, James Barrus; Seigle Avenue, George B. Michie, Jr.; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Ernest L. Brown; Steele Creek, Robert O. Brown, W. D. Loy, Jr.; Stephenson, Gary Privette; Sugaw Creek, Gene Miracle, Paul A. Craig; Thomasboro, Sam T. Peery, Howard Counts; Wadesboro, L. Wayne Lassiter; Walkersville, Robert L. McCain; Westminster, Haywood F. Deese; Williams Memorial, D. P. Brown.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: First Union, Waxhaw.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Avondale, Banks, W. H. Belk, Bethel, Cornelius, Beulah, Lee Park, Calvary, Camden, Morven, Clanton Memorial, Davidson College, East, First Union, Forest Hill, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, Indian Hill, Johnston Memorial, McGee, McQuay, Monroe First, Mulberry, Oakboro, Pageland, Salem, Pleasant Hill, Quail Hollow, Rehobeth, Ridgecrest, St. Giles, St. John, Sharon, Smallwood, South Tryon, Third, Trinity, Turner, Siler, Unionville, Waxhaw, Westover Hills, New Salem.

The Call for the meeting was read by the Stated Clerk as follows:

By action of Mecklenburg Presbytery on September 23, 1975:

"That the Presbytery of Mecklenburg be called to meet in the Chapel of Covenant Church at 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 1975, for the purpose of examining, with a view toward reception as Candidates under Care, those persons who have completed Committee requirements and who have the Committee's recommendation."

By action of the Moderator on December 18, 1975:

"It now appears that several other matters of business will need the attention of Presbytery, i.e. the election of the Haiti Commission".

"The Constitutional Requirements having been met, I, therefore, direct that the purpose of the call be broadened to include a report from Council which will include nominations to the Haiti Commission; a proposal regarding property owned by Presbytery at 805 East 17th Street, and to take such action as may be required growing out of the above."

Kenneth P. Craig
Moderator

The Call was found in order.

The host Pastor, Douglas W. Oldenburg, extended a cordial welcome to all those attending Presbytery.

J. Arthur Beard was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Attendance Committee.

A report from Presbytery's Council was presented by R. A. Bigger, Jr. The report, together with its recommendations, was adopted.

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, the Council has acted on behalf of Mecklenburg Presbytery in the following matters:

1. As a result of its December meeting, Council submitted names of persons suggested to serve on the Haiti Development Commission,

for consideration by the Personnel Committee. That Committee will submit nominees to the December 30th meeting of Presbytery.

2. Council is taking steps toward the planning and implementation of the Capital Funds Campaign. A special bank account has been established for this campaign, and some funds have already been received.

3. On December 5 and 6, Council, the Research and Strategy Committee, incoming and outgoing committee chairmen, staff members, the Moderator of Presbytery, and the Moderator-Nominee attended a retreat at Camp Bethelwoods, conducted by Dr. Robert Worley, in which we considered the structure of the Presbytery and the setting of goals for 1976. The work, prayer, and discussion will serve as a good basis for the work of Council, Committees, and staff for 1976 and future years.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Commission on the Minister be permitted to conduct a communion service at its retreat to be held February 2-3, 1976.

2. That the people nominated by the Personnel Committee to serve on the Haiti Development Commission be elected.

HAITI DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

I. **Teaching Elders**
  T. W. Tucker (Sardis)
  J. H. McKinnon, Jr. (Sharon)
  J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. (Albemarle First)
  D. W. Oldenburg (Covenant)

II. **Ruling Elders**
  Austin Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
  Mrs. Hugh Verner (Myers Park)
  Mrs. Henry Harkey (Myers Park)
  Sam Ryburn (Covenant)
  Dr. William Sugg (Covenant)
  Dr. Ted Trimble (Charlotte First)

III. **Advisory Members**
  Paul Brown (Steele Creek)
  David Beach (Badin)
  T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)

This was followed by Scripture reading and Prayer by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Candidates of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, then presented to Presbytery the ten persons who have completed Committee requirements and who have the Committee's recommendation, for the purpose of examining them with a view toward their reception as Candidates for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of these ten students:

1. Louise Gordon Upchurch; Member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church; Student—Princeton Theological Seminary.

2. Catherine Cora Snyder; Member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church; Student—Princeton Theological Seminary.
3. Jane Flowe Brawley; Member of Robinson Presbyterian Church; Student—Agnes Scott College.
4. Fred Craven Douglas; Member of Huntersville Presbyterian Church; Student—Appalachian State University.
5. David Harold Sutton; Member of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, N. C.; Student—Union Theological Seminary.
6. Charles Timothy Carriker; Member of Westminster Presbyterian Church; Student—Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
7. Samuel David Carriker; Member of Sardis Presbyterian Church; Student—Columbia Theological Seminary.
8. Richard Donald Carriker; Member of Sardis Presbyterian Church; Student—Princeton Theological Seminary.
9. Fred Alvin Coates; Member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church; Student—Union Theological Seminary.
10. Robert Curtis Fussell; Member of Sardis Presbyterian Church; Student—Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Each of these students made a statement concerning his/her Christian experience and his/her motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. All of the statements were sustained as satisfactory, and Presbytery voted to receive all those examined as Candidates for the Ministry under its care.

The charge to the Candidates was delivered by T. W. Tucker, and John A. Carriker, Sr. offered a prayer in behalf of the new Candidates.

The congregation then united in the singing of the hymn, "Heralds of Christ."

All of the Candidates signed the Roll Book of Candidates for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The following motion was adopted: "That Presbytery express to each of the candidates presented at this meeting our deep appreciation of the sharing of faith and commitment in the examinations; and that Presbytery express its gratitude to the Committee on Candidates, for their leadership in bringing to us such a fine group of people to come under the care of Presbytery."

The report of the Attendance Committee was submitted to Presbytery by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard. The report was adopted. See Enrollment.

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The Court stood and J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. pronounced the benediction.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Seventeenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Sardis Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 24, 1976

The Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Sardis Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina on February 24, 1976.

A Service for the Worship of God was conducted by Donald E. Stroud. The service included an address on The State of The Church by Robert J. James, General Presbyter of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by T. W. Tucker and Kenneth P. Craig, assisted by Ruling Elders of Sardis Church.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Edwin O. Byrd, Jr., Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, John A. Carriker, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Crawford, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, George H. V. Hunter, C. Betts Huntley, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T Kesterson, C. L. Kirby, Larry Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Scott Lindsay, John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, Tom MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, James Mann, F. A. Mathes, F. R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Angus G. McInnis, J. Harold McKeithen, A. J. McKelway, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Julius Melton, Roger P. Melton, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, Thomas J. Nash, III, Warren G. Nance, Douglas W. Oldenburg, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., W. R. Otey, Jr., Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Jennings B. Reid, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., H. Howard Smith, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, Donald E. Sroud, Robert H. Teed, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Robert Turner, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., John Edwin Wayland, Sr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, Malcolm R. Williamson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. A. Wilkerson, Leighton Ford, M. A. Cochrane, Zane M. Moore, Margaret B. Peery.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: H. Louis Patrick, Neely McCarter, J. Dan Zeluff.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Betsy Bernhardt, Sue Burton, Ruth Farrior, Judy Fletcher, Carlita Hunter, Anne S. McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Anne Vickers.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, Tom Yost; Albemarle Road, Stough Garrison; Amity, Mrs. Lu Daumer; Avondale, Ray Buckner; Banks, Robert Perry; Belk, G. S. Morrison; Benton Heights, Ralph Williams; Bethel, Murray McConnell; Bethlehem, Hugh Harper; Charlotte First, F. W. DeMeritt; Calvary, H. H. Blackwell; Carmel, Dan Brooks; Central Steele Creek, Harold D. Pratt; Christ, H. F. Porter; Clanton Memorial, T. Bostian; Cooks Memorial, Garmon C. McCall; Cornelius, R. A. Atwell; Covenant, Mrs. George H. Kuykendall, Jake C. Barnhardt, C. Barret Welchman, Marion H. Ward; Davidson College, Lawrence M. Kimbrough; East, Richard Gardner; First Union, F. H. Lemmond, Jr.; Forest Hill, Ted A. Greene; Hickory Grove, W. David Hicks; Hopewell, Puett Kidd; Huntersville, Wade Whitley; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Robert Mitchell Moore; Johnston Memorial, Kenneth C. Smith; Locust, Charles Fullerton; Mallard Creek, Charles Oehler; Marshville, Charles S. Boyce; Matthews, R. C. Hunt; McGee, J. Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay, Mrs. Ollie Burrage; Memorial, John E. Ragan; Monroe First, M. W. Shumaker; Morven, Thomas H. Whitley; Mulberry, Nobel S. Carlson; Myers Park, Charles M. Marshall, Phil A. Davis, Alfred Canon; Newell, B. B. Prophet, Sr.; Norwood, Thomas Upchurch; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith McLendon; Pageland, Roy Yandle; Paw Creek, W. Brooks Tippett; Philadelphia, H. Yates Phillips, Charles L. Stillwell; Plaza, Howard Waters; Pleasant Hill, Richard C. Hicklin; Providence, R. J. Dietrich; Quail Hollow, William E. Bates; Ramah, Fred Washam; Ridgecrest, Grover Furr; Robinson, Jack Dagenhart; St. Giles, Pat Roush; St. John, Robert W. Smith; St. Andrews, Mrs H. M. Irwin, Jr.; Sardis, Gene Reel, Peggy White, H. H. Henderickson; Seigle Avenue, Summers Tarlton; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Mrs. E. G. Cochrane; Sharon, Eloise Shaw; Siler, Douglas Plyler; Smallwood, Dannie Martin; Steele Creek, Robert O. Bynum, E. A. Earp; Stephenson, D. L Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, W. S. Abernethy, E. H. Miracle; Third, Jack C. Cathey, David D. Jordan; Thomasboro, Harrill Gray; Trinity, Mrs. Lacy Sellars; Turner, George W. Simpson; Wadesboro First, Emmett Patterson; Walkersville, Hewey H. Moseley; Waxhaw, J. W. Collins; Westminster, Mrs. D. M. McSpadden; Westover Hills, Frank Mayberry; Williams Memorial, Ted Auten.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Amay James, Bethany, Beulah, Caldwell Memorial, Camden, Hawley Memorial, Lee Park, New Salem, Rehobeth, Salem, South Tryon, Unionville.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Recording Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

The Moderator in Nomination, Glenn B. Robinson, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

The host Pastor, T. W. Tucker, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

A motion was made that the address on The State of The Church delivered to Presbytery today by the General Presbyter, Robert J. James, be made available to Presbytery. There was a second to this motion and it was adopted. The address will be printed in the **Mecklenburg Presbyterian.**

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman
Douglas W. Oldenburg
Eldon D. Wadsworth
Garmon McCall (Cooks Memorial)
Nobel Carlson (Mulberry)

RESOLUTIONS

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
Marcus B. Prince, III
French B. O'Shields, Jr.
Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)
Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
N. J. Owens (Christ)

TELLERS

G. Wallace Johnson, Chairman
Kenneth Woodard
Ray Dietrich (Providence)
Mrs. Lu Daumer (Amity)
Richard C. Hicklin (Pleasant Hill)
Mrs. Peggy White (Sardis)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Charles Fullerton (Locust)

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship
   State of the Church, Robert J. James—General Presbyter
   Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Administered by T. W. Tucker and Kenneth P. Craig, and Elders of Sardis Church
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren.
   Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time
3. Election of Moderator—Glenn B. Robinson, Moderator-Nominee
4. Report of Committee on Arrangements—T. W. Tucker
5. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures
   2. Attendance
   3. Tellers
   4. Resolutions

6. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings), David E. Wilkinson
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Jr. (First Order after Recess)
10. Report of Treasurer—Beatrice Kiser
11. Report of Commission on the Minister—Zane M. Moore
12. Report of Interpretation Committee, Frank H. Caldwell
13. Report of World Missions Committee, Finley Grissett, Jr. (Special Order 11:50 A.M.)
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
14. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, J. K. Aiken, Jr. (First Order after Lunch)
15. Report of Personnel Committee, L. I. Stell
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
16. Calls for Pastors and Supplies
17. Commissions to be Appointed
18. Unfinished Business: Reports of Standing Committees
    1. Resolution of Thanks
    2. Attendance
    3. Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Meeting places were announced for the next three meetings of Mecklenburg Presbytery:

May, 1976—Pleasant Hill Church
September, 1976—Quail Hollow Church
November, 1976—Philadelphia Church

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Pastor of Hopewell Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the May Meeting of Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 10:30 A.M.

The Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismissal for the following Ministers seeking admission into Mecklenburg Presbytery: Jeff T. Kesterson from Asheville Presbytery, Minister-elect of Thomasboro Church; James H. Sell, Jr. from Concord Presbytery, Minister-elect of St. John Church; J. Randolph Taylor from Atlanta Presbytery, Minister-elect of Myers Park Church.

2. A proposed Resolution over the signatures of Alexander J. McKelway, Jr. and 13 co-signers and sponsors having to do with missionary involvement in CIA activities. Referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

3. An Overture from the Session of the Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church having to do with a study paper on "Christianity vs. Communism" and proposed recommendations to the General Assembly. Overture and supporting papers referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

4. An overture from the Council of Presbytery regarding the structure of the Church. Referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

5. Minutes of Commission to install John A. Wilkerson, Jr. as Pastor of Huntersville Presbyterian Church were admitted to record.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JOHN A. WILKERSON, JR. AS PASTOR OF HUNTERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1975 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on Sunday, November 23, 1975 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: F. A. Mathes, Chairman, John B. Rogers, Jr., and Robert J. James. RULING ELDERS: Hudson T. Meacham, Jr., Joseph T. Drake, and Jimmy Dove.

The Commission Meeting was opened with prayer by F. A. Mathes. Joseph T. Drake was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. John B. Rogers, Jr. read the Scripture and Robert J. James had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by John B. Rogers, Jr. on the topic/text: "Stewards Of The Mysteries Of God"—Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-8, and Eph. 3:7-12.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Huntersville Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. F. A. Mathes led the Installation Prayer. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that John A. Wilkerson, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Huntersville Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Hudson T. Meacham, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Joseph T. Drake.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert J. James.

Joseph T. Drake
Secretary

R. A. Bigger, Jr., Chairman, presented the report of Presbytery's Council. The report, together with its recommendations, was adopted.

During January and February 1976, the Council has taken the following actions:

1. It was resolved to complete the 1975 Benevolence Gifts as follows:

> "RESOLVED, that everything in excess of $15,000 of the Benevolence Budget be forwarded into the General Assembly and Synod on a 50-50% basis until accepted budgets are met. All overage to be kept for Presbytery Benevolence Fund for distribution at a later date."

2. About $3,500 has been received without solicitation, for use in the Haiti Project.

3. Most committees, as a result of the work started at the Camp Bethelwoods Retreat, have well formulated goals for their 1976 work, and will be reporting to Presbytery at the appropriate times.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery hear from the Reverend Lewis Bledsoe, Chairman of Council's Budget and Finance Committee, who will also report for Presbytery's Central Treasurer, Miss Beatrice Kiser.
2. That Presbytery hear the Reverend Roy Coker, Chairman of Research and Strategy, for a report on the Capital Funds Campaign—Church Extension, and recommendations to Presbytery regarding properties.
3. That Presbytery hear the Reverend Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman of the Haiti Commission, for a report on the Capital Funds Campaign—Haiti.
4. That the following resolution be approved:

   WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery is the owner of a house and lot known as 804 E. 17th Street, Charlotte, N. C., acquired to provide living accommodations for a minister in that community;

   WHEREAS, the property is not needed at this time for the purpose for which it was acquired and the Property Committee has recommended that it be sold;

   WHEREAS, an offer has been received from Grady Kirby, Inc., for the purchase of said property at a price of $6,700 00, the same to be paid by the assumption of the unpaid balance of Mecklenburg Presbytery to Mutual Savings & Loan Association as evidenced by a note dated May 15, 1968, and a deed of trust recorded in Book 2980, page 259, Mecklenburg Public Registry, the balance of which is approximately $6,400.00, and the payment of $300.00 in cash.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Presbytery approve sale of the property upon the terms above stated, and that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery be directed to execute a deed conveying said property to the purchaser or its assigns, and that any expense incurred in connection with the sale be paid out of the proceeds of the sale and any surplus be paid to the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
5. That the proposed Overture with regard to the General Executive Board be approved.
6. That Presbytery hear the chairman of the Specialized Ministry Committee regarding a possible called meeting of Presbytery.
7. That the 1975 Statistical Summary for Presbytery be included in the Minutes of Presbytery.

The Mecklenburg Presbytery Statistical Summary and Financial Report for the year 1975 were presented by Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, for the Central Treasurer, Miss Beatrice Kiser. These reports were adopted.

Mecklenburg Presbytery Statistical Summary
Church Year — 1975

Ruling Elders	1280
Deacons	937
Profession of Faith	660
Other Gains	1666
Losses	2849
Communicants	34,087
Adult Baptisms	230
Infant Baptisms	423
Church School Enrollment	19,717

1.	Balance on Hand—1-1-75	$ 1,323,266
2.	Regular Contributions	5,993,359
3.	Building/Capital Fund Receipts	847,316
4.	Other Contributions	591,889
5.	Total Contributions	7,432,564
6.	Presbytery Aid	94,269
7.	Borrowed	207,497
8.	Total Income	7,734,330
9.	Local Program and Mission	4,741,143
10.	Building/Capital Fund Expenditures	1,835,178
11.	Presbytery Program and Mission	305,786
12.	Synod Program and Mission	403,376
13.	General Assembly Program and Mission	589,036
14.	Other	173,337
15.	Total Expenditures	8,047,856
16.	Balance on Hand 12-31-75	883,028
17.	Properties Value	31,747,321
18.	Mortgages Balance	2,652,680

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—CENTRAL TREASURER
BENEVOLENCES—FINANCIAL REPORT—1975

BAL. January 10, 1975		$ 47,089.85
RECEIPTS		
Benevolences (Budgeted)	$866,368.22	
Benevolences (Non-Budgeted)		
Christian Witness	20,153.53	
Hunger	30,020.35	
Relief	3,361.24	
Pres. Home High Point (Special)	4,944.24	
Vietnamese Refugee	4,442.39	
Reformation Day Offering	7,100.00	
Missions: Designated Projects	3,655.00	
Barium (Special)	14,671.03	
Presbytery: Non Budget	2,282.84	
Rent. 17th St. House	774.60	
Interest: Presbyterian Foundation	8,242.74	
Interest: Savings	524.40	
Miscellaneous: Registration Fees, etc.	2,789.53	
Sub-Total	$969,330.11	

Refunds	1,360.14	
Independence Ride Registrations	350.00	
Capital Funds: Haiti	3,500.00	
From: Savings	25,000.00	999,540.25
		1,046,630.10

DISBURSEMENTS

I. G.E.B. Budgeted	$389,285.70	
Easter, Relief, Ref. Day. etc.	72,240.12	
II. Synod of N. C.	293,885.71	
Barium Springs (Special)	14,671.03	
Pres. Home (Special)	4,944.24	
III. Mecklenburg Presbytery		
A. Com. on Minister	3,033.20	
B. Council	39,011.23	
C. Court Meetings	274.68	
D. Deployment/Sustentation	85,462.58	
E. Institutional Ministries	19,657.16	
F. Christian Education	25,342.15	
G. Pre-Ordination, Examination	9,887.90	
H. Pre-Ordination In Service Tr.	23.79	
I. Specialized Ministry	19,569.46	
J. Research/Strategy	2,628.10	
K. World Missions	810.73	
L. Task Force—Hunger	235.90	
Vietnamese Refugee	2,387.15	
M. Task Force—Counseling	11,846.00	
N. Worship	388.26	
O. Task Force on Women	136.71	
Presbytery—Designated Causes	2,569.44	
Sub-Total	$ 998,291.24	
To: Savings	25,000.00	
To: Capital Funds—Haiti	3,500.00	
Refund: Joy Gift, overpayment	40.00	1,026,831.24
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD		$ 19,798.86

BUSINESS FUND

BAL. JANUARY 10, 1975		$ .00
RECEIPTS		
From Churches	$ 98,517.56	
Interest: S. B. Alexander Trust	5,944.84	
	$104,462.40	
From Savings	10,000.00	114,462.40
		$114,462.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Office of General Presbyter

Salaries	$ 38,795.81	
Annuity	4,218.52	
Hospitalization	859.43	
Postage—Materials	4,091.72	
Discretionary Fund	1,386.19	
Telephone	1,403.51	
Study Allowance	99.27	
	$ 50,854.45	

General Presbytery Expense

G.E.B. Assessment	$ 33,277.96	
Synod Assessment	19,267.04	
Hosting Presbytery	1,000.00	
Presbytery Minutes	3,600.94	
Parking—Staff	493.45	

Assistant Clerk	200.00	
	$ 57,839.39	
TOTAL	$108,693.84	
To Savings:	5,000.00	
Advance: Expenses	120.00	
GRAND TOTAL		113,813.84
BAL. END OF PERIOD		$ 648.56

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

First Union

BENEVOLENCES		
Bal. Beginning of Period	$ 13,598.81	
Receipts:	101,606.32	
	$115,205.13	
Disbursements	35,820.16	$ 79,384.97
BUSINESS FUND		
Bal. Beginning of Period	$ 7,905.16	
Receipts	5,430.82	
	$ 13,335.98	
Disbursements	10,000.00	3,335.98
BAL. END OF PERIOD		$ 82,720.95

SUMMARY

BUDGETED BENEVOLENCES			
General Assembly	$390,000.00	$ 389,285.70	99.8%
Synod of N. C.	294,600.00	293,885.71	99.8%
Mecklenburg Presbytery	226,208.00	202,333.52	89.5%
	$910,808.00	$ 885,504.93	97.2%

COMPARATIVE—YEAR, 1974, 1975

	Benevolences		Business Fund	
	1974	**1975**	**1974**	**1975**
TOTAL GIVING	$957,062.92	$1,016,740.10	$101,543.01	$104,462.40

Miss Beatrice Kiser was commended by Presbytery for her faithful and efficient service as Treasurer for the Presbytery.

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, presented the report of the Research and Strategy Committee which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the proceeds from the sale of the property on Nations Ford Road ($78,155.46) be allocated 90% to the Capital Funds in Mecklenburg Presbytery, and 10% to the Haiti Hunger Project.

2. That the Council of Presbytery be authorized to negotiate the sale of the approximately 21.38 acres located at the intersection of U. S. Highway 74 and State Road 1520, known as the Indian Trail

property, at a price to be determined after proper appraisal; that the heirs, D. C. and Bessie P. Orr, the seller, be offered first refusal; that the proceeds be used for the Capital Funds in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

3. That the Council of Presbytery be authorized to negotiate the sale of the approximately 10 acres on Weddington and Matthews Road, known as the Weddington Road property, at a price to be determined after proper appraisal; that Presbytery grant to Providence Acres, Inc. and to Providence Corporation a right of first refusal, such right of first refusal to be for a period of 60 days during which time the respective grantors of said properties shall have the right to re-acquire said properties at the fair market value at such time as determined by a disinterested competent appraisal of said properties; that the proceeds be used for the Capital Funds in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Chairman C. L. Cheshire, Jr., reported for the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, and the following schedule was adopted:

The Deployment and Sustentation Committee recommends the adoption of the following schedule:

A: **SUSTENTATION OF CHURCHES SCHEDULE FOR 1976**

1. Amay James	$ 5,500	
2. Calvary	4,000	
3. South Tryon	9,900	
4. Seigle Avenue	18,000	
5. Smallwood	12,500	
6. Locust	7,000	
7. Marshville	7,000	
8. Belk	5,200	(*Reserved)
Undesignated	2,150	
	$ 71,250	

B. **EXTENSION WORK**

1. Turner	$ 3,500	(final year)
2. Amay James	4,000	(one year-matching fund)
3. Indian Trail	5,000	(second of three grants)
4. Quail Hollow	10,000	(second of three, loan)
5. Carmel	10,000	(first of three, loan)
	$ 32,500	

C. CONTINGENCY FUND	$ 1,000
TOTAL	$104,750

(*) At present the Belk Church is receiving $100.00 per month. The above is reserved if it is needed later in 1976.

Douglas W. Oldenburg made a statement concerning the Integrated Development Project in Haiti, and Lawrence I. Stell reported on the Church Extension Phase of the Capital Funds Campaign. The following paper was adopted.

CAPITAL FUNDS

The following concerns the need for capital funds in Mecklenburg Presbytery at this time, and sets forth the procedures and methods by which such funds would be utilized by Presbytery.

At its November, 1975 meeting, Presbytery authorized a Capital Funds Campaign to be conducted in 1976, and now this meeting of Presbytery is hereby called on to reaffirm that action by taking specific steps toward raising the needed money.

The goal is $640,000 for meeting capital needs. An estimated $190,000 of that amount would come from sale and liquidation of resources Presbytery now owns, including a tract of land on U. S. Highway 74 near Indian Trail and another tract on the Matthews-Weddington Road. The remainder—$450,000—is the goal of this phase of the campaign within our Presbyterian constituency.

The special study, "Mecklenburg '21" which Mecklenburg Presbytery conducted in 1974-1975, gives the factual basis for consideration of some of the current and future needs to which this capital funds campaign is directed.

THE NEEDS

A. A primary area of need is that of helping strengthen and sustain the work of existing congregations. These are congregations which must have help if they are to capitalize effectively on the promises inherent in their respective situations. Several of these congregations in growing areas find themselves without facilities which they need but cannot provide without the help from Presbytery.

Examples:

Memorial Presbyterian Church
East Presbyterian Church
Newell Presbyterian Church
More recent examples of such churches to which Presbytery is giving, or has given help include:
Indian Trail, Stephenson, Quail Hollow, Pleasant Hill, Carmel, Amay James, Smallwood, and Turner.

B. Another primary area of need of capital funds at this time embraces the whole subject of development of new congregations—the establishing and maintaining of the Presbyterian witness in sectors of the Presbytery experiencing great population growth but sectors now lacking in PCUS activity. This includes the acquisition of needed land as well as other costs of starting and helping maintain new congregations until they can become self-supporting.

Neither Mecklenburg Presbytery, nor any of its churches, has initiated or undertaken to establish a new congregation since back in the sixties, when Memorial Church was organized, May, 1967. Yet during this period more than 100,000 persons have been added to the population of Mecklenburg county alone.

It is projected that 175,000 additional residents will be living within just two of the sectors of metropolitan Mecklenburg in which the Presbytery proposes to use capital funds for new congregational development. There are several other areas with similar challenge, and with similar promise.

By planning carefully ahead, as Presbytery is trying to do, the costs of such development will be much less than if Presbytery waits until these sectors are fully saturated with residents. Property will then be much more costly, and the initial ventures into congregational development more difficult. Some of our brethren of the other denominations are already well ahead of us in some respects.

This is not a question of "physical" vesus "spiritual" hunger, for the congregational base is the foundation for meeting both needs.

C. Still another area of capital need at this time is for adequate headquarter facilities for Presbytery's staff, committees, commissions, task forces, and other groups to do effectively the job they are given to do.

Coordinating all programs and activities of Mecklenburg Presbytery within 1000 square feet of office space, by four staff members and some 20 committees, plus other workshop and planning groups, is an obvious handicap. Study is being given to its solution either through renovation, expansion at the present location, leasing, or otherwise achieving the desired results as Presbytery decides best.

THE GOALS

Presbytery, at its November, 1975, meeting approved goals for meeting these needs, as follows:

$250,000	revolving fund to strengthen and sustain churches;
200,000	for initiating and developing new congregations;
130,000	for acquiring property for new church development;
60,000	for meeting the needs of adequate office facilities
$640,000	
-190,000	from sale of presently owned resources.
$450,000	to be raised through Capital Funds Campaign

HOW FUNDS WOULD BE USED

Approval of Presbytery would precede the allocation or distribution of any capital funds. Recommendations for use of such funds would come to Presbytery upon recommendation of the Deployment and Sustentation and/or the Research and Strategy Committee after reference to Presbytery's Council.

As adopted at the November, 1975, meeting of Presbytery, these funds would be used as follows:

1. Loans at low interest to congregations which must obtain supplements to their own resources in order to obtain adequate physical facilities.
2. Grants to churches to be made under guidelines approved by Presbytery, guidelines which cover criteria which must be met in order to qualify for non-repayment of such grants.
3. Contingent loans from a Presbytery Revolving Fund. Churches receiving such loans would make repayment over a period of years. The amount of repayment would follow the formula adopted by Presbytery last November, which formula provides for "forgiveness" of a portion of the loan in ratio to the respective church's increase in its annual giving to benevolences.
4. Financing the obtaining of necessary facilities for Presbytery's Office.

   Any Capital Funds not needed for developing new congregations, or for acquiring sites for new churches, or for Presbytery's Office facilities will be used to augment the revolving fund for strengthening and sustaining existing congregations.

RATIONALE

1. It's difficult to put price tags on such goals and such needs, because of the inability to project future costs of property and buildings. What does it cost to establish a new congregational venture? What did it cost Presbytery and some sponsoring churches in establishing and helping sustain such churches as: Albemarle Road, Carmel, East, Quail Hollow, Trinity, St. John, Forest Hill, Seigle Avenue, W. H. Belk, Amay James, St. Giles, Memorial, and others?

   Nobody really knows the exact answer, but these serve to show that even if sites for new congregations were donated there would be need of many thousands of dollars to establish and maintain successful Presbyterian congregations in areas of population density which challenge us to proceed.
2. Prior to the late sixties Mecklenburg Presbytery established and maintained new congregations with vigor, and with considerable movement on faith. Some mistakes were made, but on the whole it is a record of "church extension" which says

something to us at this time, something positive and compelling.

In the 60's, ending with the formation of Memorial Church, this Presbytery developed such new congregations as: St. Giles, St. John, Carmel, Albemarle Road, East, Christ, Quail Hollow, First Union and others.

How they have strengthened the Presbyterian witness!

In the 50's, this Presbytery began, and followed through, on development of Forest Hill, "New" Westminster, Belk, South Tryon, Hickory Grove, Trinity, Third, and Smallwood.

In the 40's, after World War II, this Presbytery started Seigle Avenue, Indian Hill, Ridgecrest, Clanton, Westover Hills, and supervised the joining of "Old" Second and "Old" Westminster churches to form Covenant.

It is interesting to observe that one church—Myers Park—was largely responsible for spawning three congregations: Selwyn Avenue in 1942, Seigle Avenue in 1945, and Trinity in 1951.

3. Perhaps the best expression of evangelism by a congregation or a Presbytery is in connection with the carrying of the Presbyterian witness to those sectors of the population which are outside the reach or the attraction of existing congregations. Herein lies the opportunity and the challenge with which Mecklenburg Presbytery and all its churches and their members are now faced.
4. The revolving fund will give Presbytery perpetual resources for helping meet the needs of congregations as they seek to improve and expand their witness through the acquisition of necessary physical facilities As such congregations develop, they in turn through repayment will help strengthen other needy congregations, as well as adding vigor to the benevolence causes of the whole church.

In connection with the implementation of the Capital Funds Campaign, the following motion prevailed: That the separate churches of Presbytery be encouraged to inform their members of the Capital Funds Campaign to be conducted in the spring of this year, and that the Steering Committee be encouraged to give guidance to the individual churches as soon as possible with regard to the implementation of this campaign.

The following were named to the Steering Committee:

Capital Funds Steering Committee

Ministers

Warner L. Hall
Robert J. James
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.
Lawrence I. Stell

Others

Gene Cathy (Sardis)
Carl Horn, Jr. (Charlotte First)
Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
Ray Killian (Myers Park)
Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
James R. Nisbet (Carmel)
Emmett Patterson (Wadesboro First)
Carleton N. Whilden (Covenant)

William B. Ward, Chairman, presented a recommendation from the Specialized Ministry Committee. The recommendation was adopted.

That a called meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1976 at 9:30 a.m, at a place to be announced.

The purpose of this meeting will be for the members of the Presbytery to engage in a study of "The Study Draft of A Plan of Union of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," as requested by the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Presbyterian Union, and that, if desired, recommendations for changes in the Study Draft of the Plan of Union be sent to the Joint Committee by the Presbytery and/or individual members or groups of members of the Presbytery.

It is anticipated the Called Meeting of Presbytery will adjourn about 3:00 p.m. We are suggesting that the expense of lunch be borne by each person attending.

Your committee requests Presbytery to invite the members of Catawba Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, especially those living in the area of Mecklenburg Presbytery, to attend this meeting.

The report of the International Missions Committee was presented by the Chairman, Finley M. Grissett, Jr. The report and its recommendations were adopted.

"Come over to Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9

This request came to Paul in a vision. It led him to become the first missionary to the Gentile world. Today in 1976 this same request from a world who knows not our Christ comes to our church in a renewed appeal. It comes through ten overseas national churches, (Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Zaire, Portugal, Indonesia, Belgium, and Nigeria) and from churches of other communions (Moravians in Nicaragua, Episcopalians in Haiti), united churches (Ecuador), or from Christian councils (Bangladesh). Our work is jointly planned and carried out by our missionaries (352) and these national churches. Support is being given to thirteen seminaries and theological schools, eleven hospitals, six secondary schools, and five colleges and universities.

1975 has been a traumatic year for the cause of International Missions in our church. We are grateful for the record Witness Season Offering ($738,056) and high level of interest and overall support given by the church at large. In order to stay within the projected budget, the G E.B. took action to reduce our missionary force from 352, to 310 by the end of the year 1976. Most of the reduction of missionaries was made through normal "attrition", retirements, resignations, and those who had completed "a term of service" and regrettably some recall of missionaries. This decision is also reflected in other departments of G.E.B. It was necessary for at least five reasons:

1. The extremely rapid rate of inflation at home and abroad (30% in some countries.)
2. The increase in missionary salaries. The base salary for missionaries was increased by 10% beginning January 1, 1976.
3. The reduction of budgeted benevolence receipts below what was anticipated. Note: General Assembly agencies have been receiving a **declining** proportion, of a **declining benevolence percentage,** of a **declining total** (in "real" dollars). This trend predates the G.E B. and goes back a number of years.
4. The decision of the General Assembly curtailing the continued use of reserves.
5. The fact that program funds and work support had previously been cut to such an extent that we were in danger of not adequately supporting those on the field.

We can also report that the 1975 Reformation Day Offering enabled the G.E.B. to repay the **entire** 5% salary deduction of 1975. The response to special causes related to international mission in 1975 (Women's Birthday Offering, Easter Offering, SOS Project Book, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Hunger) have all been good, and in many cases the highest ever.

Against this background of the whole church in the cause of international missions, what is happening in Mecklenburg Presbytery? There was an encouraging attendance at the three international mission workshops held last Fall (1975). We have just experienced an effective Conference on Witness and Mission among some of the churches of our Presbytery. (Over 30 churches) Rev. Wendell Ligon and others who worked with him are to be commended for its success. Itineration of missionaries has gone on in the local churches. A special appreciation is due Rev. and Mrs. Betts Huntley of Korea, who are now residing in Charlotte, for the great number of programs they have presented to the churches of our Presbytery. (Over 42 churches visited).

Last year Mecklenburg Presbytery accepted a goal of $50,000 for its share in the $1,000,000 goal of the church for the Special Offering for International Missions. We are grateful that it was exceeded by $10,000. This year by action of this committee and the Council we have again set a goal. It is $60,000 as our part of the $1,000,000 overall goal for the Witness Offering for 1976.

Your committee wishes to commend Mecklenburg Presbytery upon:

1. The annual Charlotte Conference on Witness and Mission.
2. The year by year wholehearted support of Budgeted Benevolences.
3. The good showing in the Special Offering last year.
4. The widespread missionary support by churches in the Presbytery: Albemarle, N. C. First Church, Charlotte, N. C.—Albemarle Road, Avondale, Caldwell Memorial, Central Steele Creek, Christ, Memorial, Covenant Church, First Church, Mallard Creek, Mulberry Church, Johnston Memorial, Myers Park, Philadelphia, Plaza Church, Robinson Church, St. Giles, Sardis, Forest Hill, Selwyn Avenue, Sharon Church, Steele Creek, Sugaw Creek, Thomasboro, Trinity Church, Westminster, Cornelius, Bethel, Calvary, Davidson, North Carolina—Davidson College P.C., Ellerbe, N. C.—First Church, Hamlet, N. C.—Huntersville, N. C.—Huntersville P.C., Hopewell,—Matthews, N. C.—Matthews Church, Providence, Monroe, N. C.—First Church, Turner, Morven Church, Pageland, S. C.—Pageland Church, Paw Creek, N. C.—Paw Creek Church, Pineville, N. C.—Pleasant Hill Church, Quail Hollow, Rockingham, N. C. —First Church, Troy, N. C.—Troy Church, Wadesboro, N. C.—First Church, Waxhaw, N. C.—Waxhaw Church. This is 48 churches in whole or partial support of 78 missionaries.
5. The undertaking and support of SOS project: Covenant, St. Andrews, Myers Park, Hopewell, Caldwell Memorial, Mecklenburg Presbytery, Third, Albemarle Road, First, Williams Memorial, First-Monroe, Forest Hill, Philadelphia, Youth Rally, Quail Hollow, St. Andrews WOC. This is 14 churches and the Presbytery in support of 25 SOS Projects. (Note: These figures supplied by G.E.B.)
6. The recent adoption of a large scale program to alleviate the root causes of Hunger in Haiti.
7. The adoption and support of a Vietnamese family in our community. A house for this family was made available by the Caldwell Memorial Church.

Nearly every year our Presbytery of Mecklenburg has achieved an enviable record of giving the whole (or nearly) the amount of gifts promised the General Assembly. 1975 record is 99.8%. For this we are grateful to God. **Nevertheless** there is an important aspect of this record which your committee would like to bring to the attention of all the churches and the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery. This had to do with **the adopted ratio** which determines what share of the Benevolent dollar goes to G.E.B. and consequently to International Missions. (2/3 of G.E.B. budget is for international missions.)

Percentage Distribution of Budgeted Benevolences, Mecklenburg Presbytery

	1973	**1974**	**1975**	**1976**
General Assembly	47.6	44.27	42.8	40.2
Synod of N. C.	33.4	33.54	32.4	32.8
Mecklenburg Presbytery	19.0	22.19	24.8	27.0

These figures are taken from the 4th, 8th, 12th, 16th Stated Meetings of Mecklenburg Presbytery respectively.

This is a trend, the **declining benevolence percentage** along with inflation which **severely** reduces the total ("real" dollars) for the cause of International Missions. This trend noted above about Mecklenburg Presbytery unfortunately is true in many other Presbyteries. But we are concerned about our Presbytery.

Your committee would like to make the following observations concerning this trend (the declining benevolence percentage for G.E.B.) We do **not believe** this continued trend reflects the genuine interest and support of International missions shown by Presbytery. We think that this type of action frustrates the gifts to International Missions and leads to churches giving to causes outside our denomination. This also encourages a proliferation of gifts to non-budgeted causes. We ask the question of every Christian in our Presbytery, **"Does not this trend (the declining benevolence percentage) work against the cause of International Missions?"**

We believe it does. And we can do something about it. We call upon Mecklenburg Presbytery with its good record in giving and its high interest in Missions to turn this trend around. We call upon the local churches and the Presbytery to make sacrifices comparable to those which it has asked the G.E.B. Staff and missionaries to undergo. We call upon Mecklenburg Presbytery **to lead our denomination** in this Bicentennial year, 1976, and call our church to its stated priority in International Missions.

"The General Assembly desires distinctly and deliberately to inscribe on our church's banner as she now first unfurls it to the world, in immediate connection with the Headship of her Lord, his last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.; regarding this as the great end of her organization, and obedience to it as the indispensable condition of her Lord's promised presence." (G.A. Minutes 1861)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That all of the churches be called to prayer for the cause of international missions and our missionaries (i.e. groups to pray for missions. Luke 10:2)
2. That every church participate in the 1976 Witness Season observing the theme "From Independence to Interdependence", by prayer, by preaching, and by program. (January-March).
3. That all churches be urged to climax this observance by the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for International Missions, and receive a Special Offering for this cause. (January-March—It goes in **its entirety** to the cause of international missions.)

4. That full use of missionaries be made during their visit in our Presbytery April 25-28, 1976 Rev. James Revis of Brazil.
5. That churches be reminded that they can request mission speakers during the months of September, November and April as well as during the Witness Season.
6. That churches supporting missionaries add 10% to their support to take care of the increase in salary for 1976.
7. That all churches not having an assigned support of a missionary be urged to consider this special tie with one of our missionaries.
8. That churches undertaking SOS Projects first make their choice of a project from Section A of the Booklet. This is included in the base support of international missions.
9. That the churches of our Presbytery encourage and send its members, its youth, and its leaders to attend the Montreat Mission Conference July 17-23, 1976.
10 That every church promote and receive the Easter Offering—One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday April 18, 1976. This is for the alleviation of World Hunger and Human Suffering.
11. That the Presbytery hear Rev. Thomas W. Foley, Staff Associate Latin America and Caribbean of G.E.B. in connection with this report.
12. That presentation of the world map be made by this committee to Rev. Robert J. James for the Presbytery.
13. That the Presbytery be led in prayer by Rev. Eugene Daniel for the cause of International Missions.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after the recess for lunch, the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was presented.

The Chairman, J. K. Aiken, Jr., made the following motion:

That Presbytery approve the report on "Educational Standards and Presbytery Examinations" with the understanding that copies of this report will be transmitted to: candidates under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, candidates who may apply for ordination by Mecklenburg Presbytery, the four seminaries of our denomination, and to other seminaries from which Mecklenburg Presbytery ordinarily receives candidates for ordination. Adopted.

A. J. McKelway, Jr., Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Ordination, presented a paper entitled "Educational Standards and Presbytery Examinations" which was adopted as amended.

A STATEMENT ON PRE-ORDINATION EXAMINATION

To Whom It May Concern:

Mecklenburg Presbytery interprets the **Book of Church Order,** paragraph 27-5, to impose upon Presbytery the obligation and responsibility of maintaining confessional and educational standards to provide our denomination with men and women who are dedicated to, and intelligently informed about, the Gospel of Christ. To this end Mecklenburg Presbytery would share with any who may seek its ordination this statement of its understanding of the pre-ordination examination, the method and processes it employs, and the standards and expectations applied in examining a candidate's knowledge in specified areas.

The **Book of Church Order** requires that Presbytery examine every candidate for ordination on his/her **views** concerning the Bible, Theology, the Sacraments, and the **Book of Church Order,** including Government, Discipline and Worship. Mecklenburg Presbytery interprets this requirement to mean that every candidate for ordination should demonstrate that he/she has reflected upon and can testify to their belief in the Word of God in Scripture as the supreme authority for faith and life, and to their belief in basic tenets of Christian faith as found, for instance, in the Apostles' Creed. As to more particular beliefs, this Presbytery understands that the Reformed Tradition (and the Presbyterian expression of it) is multi-faceted, and is able to contain different and even contradictory views. At the same time Presbytery is responsible for securing as clergy in this denomination men and women whose views reflect the special and historic interests, concerns, and convictions of our own church, and who will be able to play a creative as well as critical role in its life. For this reason Presbytery accepts the fact that, without prejudice to a candidate's Christian life or faith, it may, from time to time, have to determine that a candidate's views on particular points of doctrine may indicate that his or her ministry should be located elsewhere.

The **Book of Church Order** also requires that Presbytery examine every candidate for ordination on his/her **knowledge** of Bible, Theology, the Sacraments, and the **Book of Church Order,** including Government, Discipline, and Worship. Mecklenburg Presbytery heartily agrees with this provision of our Constitution. An essential element of Presbyterianism has been its historic insistence upon a well educated and informed clergy. While there are many areas of knowledge and many professional skills which are important for various ministries within our Church, this Presbytery is convinced that knowledge of the Bible and Theology is fundamental for any right application of other information or skills a candidate may have. Similarly, a working knowledge of the government and worship of our Church is basic for a creative and responsible ministry within this denomination. For this reason Mecklenburg Presbytery holds as a requisite for ordination the expectations and standards given below for these areas of knowledge.

Upon reception of a call to a ministry within this Presbytery, and with the permission of Presbytery's Commission on the Minister, a candidate may apply to Presbytery's Subcommittee on Pre-Ordination Examination for examination and presentation to Presbytery. Prior to his or her appearance before that Subcommittee, the candidate must submit certification of his/her undergraduate and theological training, together with a theological and an exegetical essay, as required by the BCO. The candidate will also have sent to the Presbytery a letter of transfer from the Presbytery in which he/she is under care. If these documents (excepting the letter of transfer) are found to be in order and are acceptable, a date agreeable to the candidate and the Subcommittee will be set for examination before the Subcommittee. The candidate should present the required documents at least six weeks before he/she wishes to appear before the Subcommittee to give time for any revisions the Subcommittee may require.

Examination before the Subcommittee may be written and oral. The examiners will be more interested in what the candidate knows than in what he/she does not know. Thus, the examination usually begins in areas represented in the papers submitted, and an informal and relaxed atmosphere is sought in interviews with the candidate. Below may be found a description of Presbytery's expectations concerning knowledge required in specific areas. These are only guidelines. They are not exhaustive of questions that may be pursued but are intended only to indicate the **type** of information expected and the **level** of response sought. Nor will the Subcommittee ask, or expect response to, all questions stated or implied below. It will expect that every candidate will be able to respond to **some** or **similar** questions implied in each sub-division of the main areas. Candidates will be invited to indicate questions and issues within the major divisions of the examination which they are prepared to discuss at length and in depth. No particular part of the examination is definitive for the whole, but the Subcommittee must be satisfied as to the general competency demonstrated in the major areas before it can recommend a candidate for examination before Presbytery and subsequent ordination.

After successful examination by the Subcommittee the candidate is presented to Presbytery at its next stated meeting for examination on the floor. Ordinarily, this examination consists of the candidate's preaching to Presbytery the sermon accepted by the Subcommittee, and answering questions as to his/her views and knowledge of those areas specified by the BCO. This examination is, of necessity, brief, and is usually conducted by members of the Subcommittee with questions invited from the floor. Upon the success of a motion to sustain the whole examination, the Presbytery accepts the candidate for ordination and takes appropriate action to that end.

If the examination of a candidate is judged unsatisfactory by the Subcommittee or the Presbytery, the candidate may be required to undertake remedial study and to appear again before the Subcommittee and/or the Presbytery. Presbytery is fully aware of the hardship and embarrassment such an action would cause candidates, their families, and the congregations to which they are called. At the same time, Mecklenburg Presbytery is determined to exercise its responsibility to maintain minimum standards of competency in the areas specified by the BCO for ordination by this court.

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Standards and Expectations of Knowledge for the Pre-Ordination Examination

Introduction:

The following listing of subject matter is intended to indicate the areas of learning and the level of competence required for the pre-ordination examination. All candidates should know something about the areas of study indicated in the sub-divisions 1) 2) 3), etc. There are, of course, many other possible sub-divisions, but Presbytery feels that those listed with arabic numerals represent areas of learning necessary for the knowledge called for in the **Book of Church Order.**

Within these sub-divisions, however, candidates have a good bit of latitude. The suggestions within the sub-divisions are usually qualified by the words "various," "some," "such as," and "etc." This means that while Presbytery will be satisfied with the information indicated, it will also accept a candidate's knowledge of other subjects which legitimately fall within that sub-division. Thus, for instance, if under I.A. 4) a candidate is not prepared to discuss the Pentateuch, the Psalms or Wisdom literature, he/she may choose several among other possible literary groupings, such as Apocalyptic or Historical writings. Or, again, if in I.A. 5) the candidate prefers, he may substitute several other major themes for those listed and talk about them. If a candidate has some information about, and can discuss intelligently some aspect of, each of the thirty sub-divisions in this list, he/she will be able to satisfy the requirements of Presbytery as to his/her knowledge of these fields. The examining Subcommittee will, however, be able to touch upon only a few of the areas listed. The review of notes of relevant courses taken, or where they are absent, the reading of an introductory text, should serve as adequate preparation.

I. The Bible

A. The Old Testament:

1) Presbytery expects that candidates will be familiar with the content of the Old Testament. They should be familiar with many of the various narratives, stories, and personalities of this literature,

and have a general grasp of the history of the people of Israel. 2) Candidates should have a knowledge of at least some Old Testament books in terms of their historical settings, and some knowledge of the cultures and thought forms which impinge upon that history. 3) Candidates should know something about the prophetic movement in its literary and pre-literary forms, and be able to discuss some of the major and minor prophets. 4) Candidates should be able to identify and discuss other segments of Old Testament literature, such as the Pentateuch, the Psalms, and Wisdom literature. 5) To demonstrate a general competence in Old Testament, candidates should be able to discuss such major Old Testament themes as Covenant, Kingship, Sacrifice, Servant, Law, Messianism, Priesthood, etc. 6) Presbytery will also expect candidates to have some knowledge of the modern critical study of the Old Testament, to be able to discuss important theories of authorship and literary history, and to have an understanding of some areas of the Old Testament based upon the study of Hebrew.

B. The New Testament:

1) Candidates should be familiar with the life and teachings of Jesus as presented in the various Gospels, and be able to describe the distinctive features of that presentation in at least one Gospel. 2) Presbytery expects that Candidates will have some knowledge of Mediterranean culture in the First Century and be able to relate the history and thought forms of that period to the language and concepts of the New Testament. 3) Candidates should know something about the history of the New Testament Church and the life and teachings of Paul as presented in his letters and in Acts. 4) Candidates should be able to describe the theological and ethical interests of some of the non-Pauline books in their historical setting, and be able to discuss at least one of them in depth. 5) Candidates should be able to discuss some of the major themes of New Testament theology, such as the Sacraments, Christology, Gospel and Law, Election, Ecclesiology, Ethics, Eschatology and Apocalyticism. 6) Presbytery will expect that candidates know something about modern New Testament study and be able to comment upon some of the major figures and issues arising out of such study. Candidates should be able to demonstrate some knowledge of the New Testament based upon the study of Greek.

II. Theology

A. Historical Theology:

Presbytery expects that candidates will be able to demonstrate an acquaintance with major figures and issues in the history of Christian thought as well as some grasp of the growth and development of major Christian doctrines. 1) In the area of **Early Church** theology, candidates should be able to comment upon such figures as Irenaeus, Tertullian, Athanasius, and Augustine. 2) They should be able to describe the major heretical movements of the period, and understand the development of the doctrines of Christ, the Church, and Man in relation to those heresies. 3) Candidates should also have some knowledge of the interaction of faith and culture in the Early Church as seen, for instance, in the Apologetic theology of the Second Century. 4) In reference to **Medieval** theology, candidates should understand the influence of Philosophy in that period as seen, for instance, in the thought of Anselm and Thomas Aquinas. 5) Candidates should also have some understanding of important themes of medieval Catholicism such as the Nature of the Church, Sin, the Sacraments, and the Christian life. 6) In reference to **Reformation** theology, emphasis should be placed upon the thought of John Calvin, and candidates should understand the basic tenets of Calvin's thought as presented in his **Institutes.** 7) Candidates should also be familiar with the thought of Martin Luther, and be able to discuss major issues of the Reformation, such as the Nature of the Church and Sacraments, the Authority of Scripture, and the Relation of Faith and Works. 8) In reference to

Modern theology, candidates should show some grasp of the challenge of modern scientific philosophic ideas to Christian faith and the way various modern theologians have attempted to meet that challenge. 9) Candidates should be able to comment upon the thought of such major theologians as Schleiermacher, Kierkegaard, Ritschl, Barth, Bultmann, and Niebuhr, and discuss in depth the work of several modern theologians of their own choosing.

B. Systematic Theology:

1) Presbytery expects that candidates will be able to identify and discuss the major doctrines of the Christian Faith. These will include the doctrines of God, Creation, Revelation, the Church, Christ, the Spirit, and Eschatology, as well as subsidiary doctrines such as the Authority and Inspiration of Scripture under "Revelation," Incarnation, Atonement, and Resurrection under "Christ," etc. 2) Candidates should show an awareness of the interrelatedness of such doctrines, be able to discuss several of them in depth, including the theology of the Sacraments, 3) noting the contributions of major theologians to that discussion, and 4) articulating their own convictions regarding those doctrines.

III. The Book of Church Order

Presbytery expects that Candidates will have undertaken an intensive study of the **Book of Church Order** and will be able to respond to detailed questions concerning its content. 1) Candidates must have a grasp of the **government** of our Church. They must be able to describe the various courts, their constituencies, powers, procedures, and organization. 2) Candidates should understand the relation of each court to the others and the responsibilities of their officers. 3) While the exercise of **discipline** is relatively rare, it is of the greatest importance to the peace of the Church that it be administered with the utmost precision and conformity to the Constitution of our Church. Therefore, Presbytery will expect candidates to demonstrate a knowledge of the proper adjudication of charges placed against any Church member, including such elements as procedures of trial, rules of evidence, powers of courts, and processes of appeal. 4) Because the life of any Church is centered in its **worship,** Presbytery will expect candidates to know the regulations regarding worship in our denomination. Candidates should know the rules of our Church governing various elements of worship, including the reception of Church members, the administration of the Sacraments, and the proper observance of other occasions, such as marriages and funerals. 5) Candidates should also be aware of the authority of various officers and courts over various aspects and occasions of worship.

IV. Illustrative Questions

While Presbytery is interested in the ability of candidates to master factual information in the areas of study indicated above, it is just as interested in the candidate's ability to relate that knowledge to the work of the ministry. Thus, candidates may be asked to show how their critical study of a particular book of the Bible might help them in interpreting that scripture in preaching or teaching. Similarly, candidates may be asked to illustrate the usefulness of theology for the ministry by showing how their own theological insights might be applied to a problem facing the community, the Church, or individuals.

The questions listed below illustrate the way in which the Subcommittee on Pre-Ordination Examinations has in the past tried to discover what candidates know about the required areas of knowledge. There are three types of questions: questions which call for specific information, questions which call for interpretation of knowledge, and questions which ask for possible applications of knowledge.

The Bible

1. Tell us the story of Esau and Jacob.
2. What is the historical setting of the book of Esther, and how does that story inform us about a particular part of Jewish history?

3. Choose one of the major prophets and tell what you know about his life and message.
4. What is your understanding of the development of the Hebrew concept of God in the Pentateuch?
5. What relevance does the Old Testament's concept of "Kingship" have for contemporary discussions of presidential authority?
6. What do you know about the question of the authorship of the Pentateuch?
7. Take one of the Gospels and tell us what you know about its distinctive emphases. How are these emphases shown in that Gospel's portrayal of the life and teachings of Jesus?
8. Discuss the concept of the **logos** in the first chapter of the Gospel of John. How might that concept have been understood by non-Christians in the First Century?
9. What are Paul's main interests in his letter to the Romans, and how does he develop one of them?
10. What is your understanding of the New Testament's teaching concerning the general resurrection? How would your understanding help you to comfort the bereaved?
11. What is your understanding of the search for the historical Jesus, and what effect, if any, has that discussion had upon your interpretation of the Gospel narratives?

Theology

1. What do you think was the major contribution of Augustine to Christian thought?
2. Describe the Arian heresy and the Early Church's response to it.
3. Did Greek thought have any influence upon the development of Christian thought? If so, can you give an example?
4. Compare the theological approach of Thomas Aquinas to that of any of the Reformers.
5. Give us your own critical assessment of Calvin's doctrine of predestination.
6. Compare Luther and Calvin on the doctrine of the Eucharist.
7. What aspects of modern culture do you think have contributed to a decline in religious faith? What modern theologian do you believe best speaks to that situation?
8. From what modern theologian have you learned the most? What aspect of his thought will be most helpful to you in your ministry?
9 What problems and questions belong to the doctrine of Revelation? How do you think the Bible is to be considered the Word of God?
10. What is the relationship between your view of the divinity and humanity of Christ and your understanding of creation?
11. What contribution has some modern theologian made to the Church's understanding of the nature of man?

The Sacraments

1. What sacramental observance, in your opinion, is taught in the New Testament?
2. Distinguish among the Catholic Lutheran, and Reformed views of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
3. What is the significance of Baptism for an infant?

The Book of Church Order

1. Describe what is essential to, as well as the process of, the calling to office in the Presbyterian Church US.
2. It is inevitable that at times in your ministry you will find yourself in disagreement with decisions of various courts of our

Church. In that situation, where would you look for final authority, and how would you interpret your ordination vow to be "subject to the brethren in the Lord"?

3. What is the procedure and requirement for the merger or union of our Church with any other Church?
4. Of what major documents does the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church US consist?
5. If a ruling elder found himself/herself in an isolated church with no minister and no other elders available, could he/she constitute a session meeting himself/herself and transact business for the congregation?
6. Can a minister cast a deciding vote upon a tie at a congregational meeting? Why? Can he/she do so at a session meeting?
7. If a member of a congregation feels that a fellow member is disturbing the peace and unity of the church, what process of complaint is open to him?
8. Under what conditions and with what requirements may the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be taken to the sick?
9. What is the place of the preaching of the Word in the Presbyterian understanding of worship?

T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Minister Transfers, reported for this committee. Mr. Tucker presented Jefferson T. Kesterson, Pastor-Elect of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church and now of Asheville Presbytery; James H. Sell, Jr., Pastor-Elect of St. John Presbyterian Church and now of Concord Presbytery; and J. Randolph Taylor, Pastor-Elect of Myers Park Presbyterian Church, now of Atlanta Presbytery, for examination by Presbytery with a view toward reception as members of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of these three brethren. Each of them made a statement as to his Christian experience. They were then examined concerning their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The floor was opened for questions. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Kesterson, Mr. Sell and Mr. Taylor were placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of these calls). They were enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers and the following Commissions were appointed to install them:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL JEFFERSON T. KESTERSON AS PASTOR OF THOMASBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Charles C. Cowsert, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.
Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon.
F. A Mathes, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

RULING ELDERS:

J. Bud Payne (Thomasboro), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.
Marvin Cathey (Thomasboro)
Harrill Gray (Thomasboro)
Garmon McCall (Cook's Memorial)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL JAMES H. SELL, JR. AS PASTOR OF ST. JOHN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 AT 7:00 P.M.

MINISTERS:

John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

J. Cecil Lawrence, To preach the Sermon.

Henry S. Robinson, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

RULING ELDERS:

Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Mrs. Stewart E. Odham (St. John)

A. Perry Read (St. John)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL J. RANDOLPH TAYLOR AS PASTOR OF MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions.

Charles E. S. Kraemer, To preach the Sermon.

Robert J. James.

H. Kerr Taylor (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service) Installation Prayer.

RULING ELDERS:

Frontis Johnston (Davidson College), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor.

Mrs. Hugh Verner (Myers Park), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

J. Alex McMillan, III (Myers Park)

W. Stewart Peery (Myers Park)

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Candidates, made the following motion. There was a second to his motion and it was adopted. "That the names of Timothy Mayes and Samuel Monroe Busch be removed from the Roll of Candidates for the Ministry at their own request."

The report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Vice-Chairman, Douglas W. Oldenburg. The several parts of this report were adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

Since the November 18, 1975 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister met on December 16, 1975 and on January 20, 1976. Matters coming from these meetings which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the meeting of December 16, 1975:

1. The Commission notes that, at its November 18, 1975 meeting, Mecklenburg Presbytery granted Honorable Retirement to The Reverend Dr. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., effective December 31, 1975.
2. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship between The Reverend Mr. Thomas A. Little and the St. Andrews Presbyterian

Church, effective December 15, 1975, and recommends that Mecklenburg Presbytery grant his request to labor outside the ecclesiastical Bounds of Presbytery for a period of one year in private counseling.

3. The Commission approved Carl Pritchett as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Westminster Church for February, March, and April, 1976.

The Commission approved H. S. Robinson as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Clanton Memorial Church for January, February, and March, 1976.

The Commission approved R. O. Freeman as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of W. H Belk Church for January, February, and March, 1976.

The Commission approved L. I. Stell as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Avondale Church for February, March, and April, 1976.

The Commission approved Carswell Hughs as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of St Andrews Church effective December 16, 1975.

The Commission recommends to Presbytery that Robert Benson be appointed Stated Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Beulah Church for 1976.

The Commission recommends to Presbytery that John Carriker be appointed Stated Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Banks Church for 1976.

The Commission recommends to Presbytery that Q. N. Huneycutt be appointed Stated Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Indian Hill Church for 1976.

The Commission approved L. I. Stell as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Myers Park Church for January, 1976.

At his request, K. Braxton Garriss was dismissed to the Presbytery of Arkansas Union and a letter of transfer of his membership was authorized.

4. The terms of call of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church to The Reverend Mr. Jefferson Thomas Kesterson were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are:

Salary	$12,000.00
Manse	
Automobile Expenses	1,500.00
Vacation—4 weeks	
Study Leave—2 weeks	
Health Insurance—on Minister and family	
Disability Insurance for Minister	
Annuity—12%	
All moving expenses from Asheville, N. C. to Charlotte, N. C.	
All manse utilities except personal long distance calls	
Membership in Westchester Swim Club	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00

5. The terms of call of the St. John Presbyterian Church to The Reverend Mr. James H Sell, Jr. were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by

Presbytery, and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are:

Salary	$9,800.00
Automobile Allowance	1,500.00
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Hospitalization and Accident Insurance for Minister and family	
Minister Annuity—12%	
Manse with all utilities	
Four weeks vacation annually	
Two weeks study leave annually	
Moving expense to Charlotte, N. C.	
A membership in the Community swim club for the minister and his family as long as he is the Pastor of St. John Presbyterian Church	

6. The terms of the call of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church to The Reverend Dr. John Randolph Taylor as Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of call are:

Salary	$22,000.00
Manse Allowance	10,300.00
Automobile and expenses furnished	
Minister annuity—12%	
Major medical and hospitalization for minister and family	
Disability income insurance provided	
One month vacation	
Two weeks continuing education leave	
Continuing education allowance	200.00
Moving expenses from Atlanta to Charlotte, N. C.	

From the meeting of January 20, 1976:

1. At his own request and upon the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship between The Reverend Mr. George Ducker and the Westover Hills Church effective January 26, 1976 and granted a transfer of his membership to the Presbytery of Piedmont, Synod of the Southeast, in order that he might accept a call of the Limestone Church, Gaffney, S. C.

2. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant The Reverend Mr. Joe P. Arnold permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for an additional six months to continue his work as a student in clinical pastoral education.

3. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant permission for The Reverend Dr. W. Chester Keller to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery through August, 1976 as Associate Pastor of the First Church, Spartanburg, S. C. with the concurrence of Piedmont Presbytery.

4. The Commission appointed Dr. F. A. Mathes as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the St. Andrews Church for three months or until a pastor is installed, beginning February 15, 1976.

5. The Commission appointed Dr. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Westover Hills Church for three months or until a pastor is installed, beginning February 8, 1976.

6. The Commission recommends that Presbytery be reminded of the action taken by Presbytery on November 24, 1970, in regard to the pastoral relationship of a former pastor or associate pastor

to a parish he has left, that a copy of this action be included in the packet sent to Commissioners to Presbytery, and that the procedure suggested in the action be followed by Presbytery. (See attached sheet.)

7. The Commission recommends that Presbytery approve the following changes in terms of call:

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
Albemarle First	J. Harold McKeithen	Salary	$13,900	$15,000
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
Albemarle Road	Richard Shaw	Salary	10,050	11,050
		Car. Allow.	1,700	1,800
Badin	George H. V. Hunter	Salary	8,400	8,800
		Car. Allow.	1,200	1,400
Benton Heights	James C. Butler	Salary	8,400	8,800
Bethlehem	Robert S. Maclin, III	Salary	8,400	8,800
Caldwell Memorial	Chas. L. Kirby	Salary	12,000	13,200
		Cont. Ed.	150	300
Calvary	Frank Wilkinson	Salary	8,400	8,800
		Car. Allow.	1,000	1,200
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
Carmel	J. Wendell Ligon	Salary	13,000	14,000
Central Steele Creek	Zane M. Moore	Salary	11,500	12,300
		Cont. Ed.	150	200
Charlotte First	G. Carswell Hughs	Salary	16,000	17,280
	Scott Lindsay	Salary	9,400	10,600
Christ	Robert W. Rayburn	Salary	9,450	10,000
Cook's Memorial	W. R. Aughinbaugh	Salary	9,840	10,440
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
Covenant	Douglas W. Oldenburg	Salary	16,959	17,976
	William B. Ward	Salary	11,826	12,537
	Fred R. Horner	Salary	11,907	12,621
	Earle D. Roberts	Salary	11,700	12,402
Davidson College	John B. Rogers, Jr.	Salary	12,000	12,750
		Cont. Ed.	500	600
East	Robert S Hough	Car. Allow.	1,320	2,320
First Union	James C. Cannon	Salary	9,240	9,300
Forest Hill	Wm. G. Katibah, Jr.	Salary	11,568	12,500
		Car. Allow.	1,800	1,900
		Util.	1,000	1,250
Ridgecrest	G. E. Dixon	Salary	$ 8,400	$ 8,800
Robinson	H. H. Smith	Car. Allow.	1,500	1,800
Sardis	T. W. Tucker	Salary	15,212	15,512
		Cont. Ed.	300	1,000
	Robert E. Smith	Salary	10,070	10,470
		Cont. Ed.	300	500
		Manse (all)	3,850	4,100
Seigle Avenue	Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Salary	8,400	8,800
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
Selwyn Avenue	Neil M. McMillan	Salary	12,000	12,960
		Housing	1,200	1,800
	Thos. K. Reinowski	Util.	—	540
Sharon	Jas. H. McKinnon, Jr.	Salary	13,000	14,000
		Car. Allow.	2,800	3,000
Siler-Turner	A. Merrell Keith	Salary	9,800	10,500
		Siler	5,000	
		Util.	400	500
		Turner	5,500	
		Cont. Ed.	—	300
Smallwood	E. E. Washington	Salary	8,400	8,800
St. Giles	French O'Shields	Salary	13,188	16,169
		Car Allow.	1,375	1,574

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
Steele Creek	Lewis W. Bledsoe	Salary	15,300	16,300
		Car Allow.	1,600	1,800
Sugaw Creek	H. H. Hilton, Jr.	Salary	16,000	17,000
		Car Allow.	1,900	2,300
Third	E. O. Byrd, Jr.	Soc. Allow.	—	1,050
Union Theo. Seminary	N. D. McCarter	Salary	17,000	18,700
Assoc. for Christian Training & Service	Neil C. Leach	Salary	12,272	12,920
Wadesboro	C. L. Cheshire	Salary	10,000	10,500
Walkersville	Chas. D. Elyea, Jr.	Salary	8,400	8,800
		Util.	600	900
Waxhaw	W. D. Morton	Salary	8,400	8,800
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
Westover Hills	Geo. L. Ducker	Salary	8,700	8,950
Williams Memorial	Robt. E. Burnett	Salary	9,200	9,450
Hickory Grove	J. B. Reid	Salary	$ 9,500	$10,500
		Car Allow.	1,200	1,500
		Util.	800	950
Hopewell	E. D. Wadsworth	No Change		
	Vernon H. Dodd	Salary	8,400	9,000
Huntersville	J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	Util.	600	1,000
		Cont. Ed.	300	400
		Conf. Exp.	100	—
Indian Trail	E. C. Wilson	Salary	8,400	8,800
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
Johnston Memorial	Paul A. Horne	Salary	8,500	8,800
Mallard Creek	Kenneth P. Craig	Salary	12,232	12,966
		Car Allow.	1,200	1,450
Marshville	Donald E. Stroud	Salary	8,400	8,800
McQuay Memorial	Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	Salary	8,400	8,800
McGee	J. A. Luddy, Jr.	Salary	8,500	9,000
Memorial	Larry Kline	Salary	8,400	9,000
		Car. Allow.	1,200	1,400
Monroe First	Wm. M. Edwards, III	Cont. Ed.	—	200
		Book Fund		250
Montreat Anderson	John R. Crawford	No Change		
Mulberry	W. A. Dysard, Jr.	Salary	10,186	10,695
		Car Allow.	1,400	1,500
Newell	Kenneth Woodard	Salary	10,000	10,800
Norwood	J. E. Ratchford	Salary	8,400	8,800
Paw Creek	J. K. Aiken, Jr.	Salary	10,500	11,300
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
		Study Leave	—	2 wks.
Philadelphia	Russell M. Kerr	Salary	10,920	11,760
		Car Allow.	1,000	1,400
		Housing	3,600	3,840
		Cont. Ed.	—	200
	Robert H. Teed	Salary	8,400	8,820
		Car Allow.	1,000	1,200
Plaza	Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	Salary	12,200	13,000
		Car Allow.	1,680	2,040
Pleasant Hill	Roy W. Coker	Salary	9,485	9,959
Presbyterian Hospital Chaplain	D. E. Wilkinson	Salary	11,323	11,889
Providence	G. Wallace Johnson	Salary	10,000	10,800
Quail Hollow	M. B. Prince, III	Salary	10,000	10,600
		Car Allow.	1,000	1,500
		Cont. Ed.	200	300
Ramah	Glenn L. Hill	Salary	8,400	8,800

8. The Commission notes the following changes in terms of call for Christian Educators:

CHURCH	DCE	FROM		TO
Albemarle Road (part time)	Nela Cochran	Salary	$ 5,100	$ 5,500
Cook's Memorial	Jeanie Ogilvie	Salary	7,920	8,880
Mallard Creek	Carlita Hunter	Salary	8,019	8,340.10
		Car Allow.	680	800
		Annuity	5%	6%
Paw Creek	Sarah K. Wilson	Salary	8,228	8,560
Sardis	Anne Vickers	Salary	9,975	10,335
Third	Mrs. Anne McQuiston	Salary	7,600	8,100

The Commission on the Minister met on Tuesday, February 17, 1976. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

1. At his own request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that Presbytery dissolve the Associate Pastoral relationship between The Reverend Mr. Robert H. Teed and the Philadelphia Church effective February 29, 1976 and that a letter of transfer be forwarded to Bethel Presbytery, Synod of the Southeast, in order that he might accept the call of the Tirzah Church, York, South Carolina.

2. At his own request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that Mecklenburg Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between The Reverend Mr. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr. and the Third Church effective April 1, 1976 and that a letter of transfer be forwarded to the Presbytery of the Piedmont, Synod of the Southeast, in order that he might accept the call of the Second Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

3. The Commission notes the following change in terms of call of Christian Educators:

CHURCH	DCE	FROM	TO
Plaza	Ruth Farrior	$7,650.00	$8,160.00

4. The Commission requests that Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer be given the opportunity to speak briefly (47 seconds) to Presbytery to present some possibilities for continuing education for the ministers at Davidson College.

5. The Commission requests that the Task Force on "The Event" be given an opportunity to explain to Presbytery why the event was not held.

The following motion prevailed: That the question of such items as "swim clubs", etc. in the call of a Minister be referred to the Commission of Presbytery for study and that the Commission report back to Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed at 3:20 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 3:40 P.M.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, Lawrence I. Stell. The report was adopted as follows.

COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS:

Interpretation Committee
  Ruth Farrior, Class of 1978, to replace Mary DeWitt Dukes moved from Presbytery
Christian Education Committee
  John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Class of 1977, to replace Robert H. Teed, moved from Presbytery

Task Force on Counseling
Mrs Lillian (Fred R.) McAlister, Jr. (Third) to replace Mrs. Kathryn Preyer
Mrs. Ann (Harold) Smoak (Trinity) to replace Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First)

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 11-18, 1976:

MINISTERS: Principals: Lewis W. Bledsoe, John B. Rogers, Jr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., Douglas W. Oldenburg, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., J. David Fletcher. **Alternates:** Neil C. Leach, French B. O'Shields, Jr , Frank C. Wilkinson, John A. Luddy, Jr., Robert E. Burnett, Robert S. Hough, Glenn L. Hill.

RULING ELDERS: Principals: Malcolm Lester (Davidson College), Mrs. Ray Waltman (Philadelphia), Burns W. Stuart (Forest Hill), Mrs. Robert Provence (Sardis), W. D. Cotton, (Albemarle First), Harry E. Evans (Amay James), Philip R. Hedrick (Westminster). **Alternates:** Donald L Haas (First Union), Grover Furr (Ridgecrest), Ewell Somers (Hopewell), N. J. Owens (Christ), J. W. Morgan, (Indian Hill), Guy D. Privette (Stephenson), J. W. Zimmerman, Jr. (Williams Memorial).

YOUTH DELEGATE: Principal: Katherine R. Morton (Waxhaw), **Alternate:** Cathy Young (Paw Creek).

WOMEN'S DELEGATE: Mrs Bobbie Berry (Smallwood).

ETHNIC MINORITY REPRESENTATIVE: Mrs. Barbara Hendricks (South Tryon).

RECOMMENDATION—"Because of the need for longer time to plan the activities of the Committees of Presbytery with new members, before the beginning of the term of office, the Personnel Committee, at the suggestion and with the concurrence of Presbytery's Council recommends that for the year 1976, as an experiment, Mecklenburg Presbytery suspend the rule 6-1, (1) b. as it calls for the report of the Personnel Committee with nominations for committees in the November meeting; and that for 1976, the Personnel Committee be directed to make such report at the September Meeting of the court."

The report of the Interpretation Committee was presented by the Chairman, Frank H. Caldwell. The Proposed Amendments to the **Book of Church Order** were adopted by unanimous vote.

Report of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg on Constitutional Amendments.

1. Chapter	7 (Title)	For	X	Against
2. Sec.	7-4	For	X	Against
3. Sec.	8-14	For	X	Against
4. Sec.	16-1	For	X	Against
5. Sec.	18-3	For	X	Against
6. Sec.	21-5	For	X	Against
7. Sec.	111-3	For	X	Against

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard. It is incorporated in the Enrollment.

William B. Ward made the following motion which was adopted: Mecklenburg Presbytery expresses its deep appreciation to J. Arthur Beard for his service to Presbytery as Chairman for many years of the Standing Committee on Attendance, and Presbytery commends him for his faithful and competent service, and expresses its hope that J. Arthur Beard will continue to serve Presbytery in this capacity for many years to come.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was made by the Chairman, Kenneth P. Craig. The report was adopted as amended.

1. The Committee recommends that the Overture concerning restructure and the General Executive Board be answered in the affirmative as amended.

OVERTURE
to the
On Hundred Sixteenth Meeting of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church In The United States
From The
Presbytery Of Mecklenburg

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg affirms its continuing and hearty commitment to the full program of the Church, and feels sincere appreciation for the loyal and devoted labors of the Staff Members of the General Executive Board, and

WHEREAS, the plan of Restructure itself foresaw the need for adaptation and change, and

WHEREAS, this need is now clear to Mecklenburg Presbytery, and

WHEREAS, the pressure of the Church calendar is such that the Presbytery of Mecklenburg feels constrained to act at this time, although it is aware that the Office of Review and Evaluation has, at the instruction of the General Assembly, undertaken a major study of the structure and functions of the General Assembly and its agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg believes there are serious difficulties arising from the team management concept, such as:

A. The lack of clear lines of authority and responsibility which has resulted in the diversion of both the management team and the General Executive Board from their proper function of policy making and coordination to an impossible involvement in the details of the total program of the Church,

B. The lessening of the effectiveness of the various divisions of the General Executive Board since they appear not to have felt free as staff or division to prosecute vigorously the work assigned to them,

C. The depersonalization of the work of the Church to the end that there is confusion within the Church as to the proper lines of communication with the Assembly Agencies and a weakening of the support of the program of the General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of any clear definition of the responsibilities for mission which properly belong to the various Courts of the Church which is evidenced by the confusion over materials distribution and equally in the confusion over the budget requirements of various Courts of the Church, and

WHEREAS, there are concerns arising out of the present employment and representational practices such as the tensions felt to exist between the present practice and the theological doctrine of vocation and the belief that the quota system for the selection of members and staff at the General Executive Board may be inconsistent with achieving the highest level of competence, and

WHEREAS, the priority system is felt to be a misnomer and to require time and effort disproportionate to the results achieved, and

WHEREAS, there are many other concerns, such as the question as to whether much of the work of the divisions of Professional Development and Corporate and Social Mission might not be done more effectively closer to the local church with the General Executive Board serving primarily as the provider of information and coordinator;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Mecklenburg in Stated Meeting on February 24, 1976, respectfully overtures the 116th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to take concrete steps to deal with the difficulties outlined above, defining responsibilities for mission, clarifying purposes and functions, strengthening the weaknesses and altering, removing or replacing those elements where appropriate.

2. The Committee recommends that the Resolution proposing an Overture to the General Assembly concerning missionary personnel and government activities be answered in the affirmative as amended.

OVERTURE
to the
One Hundred Sixteenth Meeting of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church in the United States
From the
Presbytery of Mecklenburg

WHEREAS, reports in the press have documented the fact that some Christian missionaries have participated in the covert activities of the Central Intelligence Agency abroad, and

WHEREAS, correspondence from the former Director of the CIA and the President of the United States recently published in the **Congressional Record** admit and defend this practice and state the intention of the Government to continue it, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in Congress to prohibit such employment of Church personnel by Government agencies on the grounds that it violates the principle of separation of Church and State, and tends to discredit both, and

WHEREAS, such practices by a few missionaries tend also to discredit the whole world mission of the Church, result in the curtailment and control of missionary programs abroad, and may actually endanger the lives of Church workers not engaged in such activities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Mecklenburg Presbytery overture the General Assembly to: (a) express its disapproval of the use of Church personnel for intelligence gathering activities by any government agency; (b) forward that expression of disapproval to Senator Representatives within the geographical area of the PCUS, and to the President of the United States; (c) create additional guidelines for our missionaries which would prohibit participation in such activities; and (d) make sure that persons employed by our denomination comply with the stated policy. And be it further resolved that Mecklenburg Presbytery overture the Synod of North Carolina to join it and the Presbytery of Concord in this action.

3. The Committee recommends that Presbytery commend the Williams Memorial Session for its consideration and study of a major social issue, and the Committee further recommends:

   A. That the Overture from Williams Memorial Session be answered in the affirmative down through the words on the second page "and Presbyters for their study", and that the inclusion in the packet mailing be deemed as satisfying the request for distribution.

B. That the portion of the Overture requesting that recommendations be sent to the General Assembly concerning communism be answered in the negative in light of the fact that the General Assembly has already taken an unequivocal stand against Communism (See Minutes of 1954, 1959, 1961.)

4. The Committee recommends that Resolutions sent to Presbytery from National Capitol Union Presbytery and Kansas City Union Presbytery be received as information.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Marcus B. Prince, III. This report was adopted.

"Mecklenburg Presbytery expressed its appreciation to the Session and congregation of Sardis Presbyterian Church for inviting the Presbytery to hold its 17th Stated Meeting at the Church and for providing for all our necessities for the day in such a gracious and warm way. We extend special appreciation to the ladies of the Church for the delicious meal served in such a congenial way.

We also thank the staff of the church and members of the congregation who served us in many other ways. We are thankful to God for this Church and the ministry it shares with us in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

We as a Presbytery want to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to our General Presbyter, Robert J. James, for the informative and very inspiring message on the State of The Church with which he opened the Meeting of Presbytery. It was certainly a challenge to each Church, not only to be about the mission to which God has called us as a particular Church, but also through our Presbytery and the Church universal.

We also commend our Moderator for this meeting, Reverend Glenn B. Robinson, for very capably seeing us through a very full docket and a very busy day. His fair and patient guidance enabled us to accomplish the work which was set before us."

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and adopted. The Court stood and the Moderator pronounced the Benediction. The Court stood adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 25, 1976 at the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
March 16, 1976

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:30 A.M. in the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on March 16, 1976.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Glenn B. Robinson.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by J. David Fletcher.

Presbytery then engaged in a season of prayer for the sick and bereaved. After a brief period of silent prayer, J. Cecil Lawrence offered a prayer for the Ministers, Ruling Elders and members of local Churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery who are ill and for those who are experiencing sorrow because of the death of loved ones.

The ENROLLMENT was taken, and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, W. M. Boyce, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Ken Craig, E. L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., W. M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred Horner, Robert S. Hough, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, William G. Katibah, Jr., Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, A. Merrell Keith, C. L. Kirby, Larry Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, D. Scott Lindsay, T. A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., Tom W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, F. A. Mathes, F. R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. H McKeithen, Jr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Julius W. Melton, Jr., R. P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G Nance, Douglas W. Oldenburg, W. R. Otey, III, Marcus B. Prince, III, M. B. Prince, Jr., Carl R. Pritchett, T. K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Lawrence I. Stell, Donald E. Stroud, J. Randolph Taylor, A. Leslie Thompson, L. W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, E. E. Washington, Ed Wilson, Kenneth Woodard, David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: G. Carswell Hughs, Leighton Ford, R. S. Rayburn, C Betts Huntley, Jennings B. Reid, T. J. Nash, III, James E. Ratchford, J. K. Aiken, G. Wallace Johnson, Glenn L. Hill, H. Howard Smith, French B. O'Shields, Jr., R. E. Smith.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: George Hunter, J. E. Wayland, Jr., Robert Benson, J. W. Ligon, J. A. Wilkerson, Jr., Finley Grissett, Jr.,

Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., J. H. Sell, Neil McMillan, A. J. Morrison, J. R. Crawford, Earl MacCormac, J. R. MacKinnon, Neely McCarter, A. J. McKelway, Horace E. Stoessel, Dan Zeluff, James A. Cannon, Louis Patrick, Rod Shoemaker, J. E. Smylie, Horace H. Hilton, Jr.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Ruth Farrior, Jeanie Ogilvie.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Thomas M. Yost; Amay James, Lewis Prince; Albemarle Road, Stough Garrison; Amity, H. J. Caldwell; Avondale, Mrs. S. T. Favor; Badin, R. L. Webster; Bethel, H. C. Knox, Bethlehem, Ira Helms; Central Steele Creek, Harold D. Pratt; Covenant, Barret Welchman, Jane Kuykendall, J. C. Barnhardt; Cook's Memorial, Richard Rozzelle; Davidson College, Mrs. Julia Maulden; First Union, Donald L. Haas; Huntersville, Wade P. Whitley; Hopewell, Brevard Kidd; Indian Trail, Reuben M. Tomberlin; Matthews, Charles Funderburk; Marshville, C. S. Boyce; Morven, Thomas H. Whitley; Myers Park, Irwin Belk, A. O. Canon, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Philadelphia, H. Yates Phillips; Pleasant Hill, Robert K. Capps; Providence, H. D. Niven; Sardis, Herman Coleman, Dick Pierce, Robert Pharr; Seigle Avenue, Renie Palmer; Selwyn Avenue, Austin C. Thies; Siler, A. G. Davis; South Tryon, Alexander Adams; Steele Creek, Mack P. Brown, Roy R. Helms; Stephenson, G. D. Privette; Sugaw Creek, Wade R. Todd, Donald M. MacKay; Third, Jack C. Cathey; Waxhaw, Johnny Mosley; Westminster, Mrs. D. M. McSpadden; Westover Hills, Sanford Grant.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Benton Heights, Calvary, Christ, Clanton Memorial, Locust, Norwood, Oakboro, Paw Creek, St. Giles, Forest Hill, Belk, Robinson.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Banks, Bethany, Beulah, Caldwell Memorial, Camden, Carmel, Mallard Creek, McGee, McQuay, Memorial, Monroe First, Mulberry, Newell, New Salem, Pageland, Plaza, Quail Hollow, Ramah, Rehobeth, Ridgecrest, St. Andrews, St. John, Salem, Sharon, Smallwood, Thomasboro, Trinity, Turner, Unionville, Wadesboro, Williams Memorial, Charlotte First, Cornelius, East, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, Indian Hill, Johnston Memorial, Lee Park, Walkersville.

A quorum was declared present.

Visitors and guests were introduced and welcomed. A special word of welcome was extended to representatives of Catawba Presbytery of the UPCUSA Church and First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church who are present today. All of these were invited to sit as visiting brethren and to engage in today's discussions.

The Call for the meeting was read, found in order, and was as follows:

> The purpose of this meeting is for the members of the Presbytery to engage in a study of "The Study Draft of A Plan of Union of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America", as requested by the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Presbyterian Union, and that, if desired, recommendations for changes in the Study Draft of the Plan of Union be sent to the Joint Committee by the Presbytery and/or individual members or groups of members of the Presbytery.
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> The Specialized Ministry Committee requests Presbytery to invite the members of Catawba Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, especially those living in the area of Mecklenburg Presbytery, to attend this meeting.

The Host Pastor, Lewis W. Bledsoe, extended a cordial welcome to all those attending Presbytery and outlined the arrangements for this meeting.

The suggested schedule for the meeting was presented by William B. Ward, Chairman of the Specialized Ministry Committee. This schedule was adopted as the agenda for the day.

9:30 a.m.	Call to Order. Opening Worship.
	Introduction of guests, Presentation of suggested schedule for the day by William B. Ward, Chairman Specialized Ministry Committee.
9:50 a.m.	Address by J. Randolph Taylor, Co-chairman of Joint Committee on Presbyterian Union.
10:40 a.m.	Recess. Refreshments provided by Steele Creek Church.
11:00 a.m.	Study groups.
1:00 p.m.	Lunch.
2:00 p.m.	Plenary session of Presbytery to hear reports from groups.
3:00 pm.	Suggested time for adjournment.

Study Groups for "A Plan of Union"

1.	Preface, Mission, Unity. pages 7-15	Jeff T. Kesterson John B. Rogers
2.	Membership. Officers. pages 16-21	Tom Reinowski Earle Roberts
3.	Organization. Paragraphs 61-65 pages 22-29	Charles E. S. Kraemer Lois Summerville
4.	Organization. Paragraphs 66-69 pages 29-41	William A. Dysard Glenn B. Robinson
5.	Administration. pages 42-50	Fred McAlister, Jr. Don Haas
6.	Ordination and Commissioning pages 51-72	Warner L. Hall Frank Jacks
7.	Relationships, Amendments, and Covenants of Agreement pages 73-75, 117-122	Julius Melton Morris Donald

J. Randolph Taylor, Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church and Chairman of the PCUS side of the Joint Committee on Union of the PCUS and the UPCUSA Churches, addressed Presbytery on the progress of the union negotiations up to this point. He called attention to some significant features in the proposed plan.

The meeting was recessed at 10:40 A.M.

After recess, Presbytery divided into seven small groups, each assigned a particular chapter of the Plan for Study. The groups met until 1:00 P.M. at which time lunch was served.

The Presbytery reassembled and the meeting resumed at 1:45 P.M.

The reports of the Study Groups were presented as follows:

Study Groups for "A Plan of Union"

1.	Preface, Mission, Unity, pages 7-15	John B. Rogers, Jr.
2.	Membership, Officers, pages 16-21	W. R. Otey, III
3.	Organization, Paragraphs 61-65 pages 22-29	Henk Bossers
4	Organization, Paragraphs 66-69 pages 29-41	William A. Dysard, Jr.
5.	Administration, pages 42-50	Fred R. McAlister, Jr.
6.	Ordination and Commissioning pages 51-72	Warner L. Hall
7.	Relationships, Amendments, and Covenants of Agreement pages 73-75, 117-122	Fred C. Holder

Reverend Thomas A. Jenkins, Moderator of Catawba Presbytery of the UPCUSA Church, made a statement to Presbytery concerning some if his reactions to the proposed Plan for Union of the PCUS and the UPCUSA Churches. He expressed the hope that union of the two denominations will become a reality in the near future.

The report of the Attendance Committee was read by J. Arthur Beard and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The following Resolution was presented by Marcus B. Prince, III and adopted:

"Mecklenburg Presbytery expresses its appreciation to the Session and Congregation of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church for their graciousness in inviting us to hold this Called Meeting here and for the warm hospitality shown to us during the day. Our every need was taken care of, and especially so in the very delicious meal served to us by the Women of the Church.

We also express our appreciation to J. Randolph Taylor for the very informative address which he gave us on the Plan of Union, to those who led the various discussion groups, and for the representatives of Catawba Presbytery who met with us."

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The members of Presbytery stood, and Neil C. Leach offered the closing prayer. Mecklenburg Presbytery stood adjourned.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Temporary Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Eighteenth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 25, 1976

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 25, 1976, and the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Glenn B. Robinson.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by J. Craig Butler and Donald E. Stroud. The Service included a sermon by the Moderator on the topic, "Administrative Wheels", based on Ezekiel 1:19-20.

A quorum was declared present.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Recording Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: J. K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, James A. Cannon, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B Cooper, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., G. E. Dixon, Vernon Dodd, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, Finley M Grissett, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Horace H. Hilton, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. Betts Huntley, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, W. Chester Keller, Russell M Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, W. Lawrence Kline, Jr., Charles E. S Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Tom Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister. Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Neely McCarter, J. H. McKeithen, A. J. McKelway, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M McMillan, Julius W. Melton, R. P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, R. L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, Douglas W. Oldenburg, F. B. O'Shields. Jr., W. R. Otey, III, H. Louis Patrick, Margaret Barnes Peery, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, H H. Smith, R. E. Smith, Jr., Lawrence I. Stell. Horace E. Stoessel, Donald E. Stroud, J Randolph Taylor, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, Robert Turner, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, E. E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, John A. Wilkerson, Jr., T. Duke Williams, Malcolm R. Williamson, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: C. L. Kirby, T. W. Tucker, D. S. Lindsay, Tom K. Reinowski, Fred R. Horner, A. J. Morrison, R. C. Shoemaker, Leighton Ford, Warner Hall, Neil McMillan, Earl MacCormac.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: J. A. Mann, J. E. Smylie, J. Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, First, Tom Yost; Albemarle Road, Stough Garrison; Amay James, Lewis Price; Amity, Mrs. T. N. McLauchlin; Avondale, Edd W. DeArmon; Badin, Mrs. James Mitchell; Banks, Robert E. White; W. H. Belk, Mrs. Brennie Morrison; Benton Heights; J. Thomas Springs; Bethlehem, Louie Brantley; Caldwell Memorial, A. W. Porter; Camden, Lillian Currie; Carmel, Roy W. Beaty; Calvary, Bobby Overcash; Central Steele Creek, S. Crowell Capps; Charlotte, First, Mrs. Edgar Kornegay, Mrs. W. W. Dunkin; Christ, N. J. Owens; Clanton Memorial, L. F. Brooks; Cook's Memorial, Wilton A. Dunn; Covenant, Harvie C. Jordan, Jr., Marion H. Ward, Albert M. Thorne; Davidson College, Marjorie McCutchan; First Union, John Wood; Forest Hill, H. Brian Cheyne; Hickory Grove, Lamar Thomas; Hopewell, Brevard Kidd; Huntersville, Jimmie Dove; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Bruce E. Stinson; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, E. Hugh Baucom; Marshville, Ben Parker; Matthews, R. C. Hunt; Memorial, Tom McCorkle; McGee, Richard McGee; McQuay, Alva Young; Monroe, First, Sally Ormond; Morven, Thomas H. Whitley; Mulberry, Harry McConnell; Myers Park, Irwin Belk, Alfred Canon, L. O. Chapman, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, Melvin Love; Oakboro, Edith L. McLendon; Pageland, Hugh M. Neisler; Paw Creek, Forney E. Michael; Philadelphia, Richard D. Long, J. Harry Keziah; Plaza, Mrs. T. W. Stinson, Jr., Mrs. H. S. Cuthbertson; Pleasand Hill, Vincent Severs; Quail Hollow, David Whitley; Ramah, Clyde Shinn; Ridgecrest, Ervin Fesperman; Robinson, Byron Luna; St. Giles, Charles F. Wherry; St. John, Carl A. Buzby, Jr.; Selwyn Ave., D. G. Kimbrell; Sardis, Elmer F. Smith, James G. Boyce, C. B. Baird; Sharon, Kenneth R. Beaty; Siler, James Laney; Smallwood, Minnie Whitley; South Tryon, Barbara Pratt; Steele Creek, John B. Neel, Lewis Camp; Stephenson, LeRoy Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, Eldon Alexander, Mrs. Faye Cardinal; Third, Charles Armstrong, Ollie Weaver; Thomasboro, Marvin H. Cathey; Trinity, Lacy S. Sellars, T. N. Massey, Jr.; Turner, George W. Simpson; Wadesboro, Clayton Gaddy; Waxhaw, Bill Carter; Westminster, Mildred F. McSpadden; Westover Hills, Floyd L. Bumgarner; Williams Memorial, Richard Penninger.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Johnston Memorial, Norwood, Walkersville, Seigle Avenue.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Bethel, Cornelius, Beulah, Lee Park, Hawley Memorial, Providence, Rehobeth, St. Andrews, Unionville, New Salem, Salem.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Sue Burton, Ann McQuiston, Anne Vickers, Ruth Farrior.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Eldon D. Wadsworth, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Glenn B. Robinson
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren

3. Election of Moderator, E. D. Wadsworth, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings), David E. Wilkinson
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements, Roy W. Coker
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Report of Trustees, Robert C. Hord
9. Nomination of Moderator (Last Order before Morning Recess)
RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
10. Sermon by Candidate Ralph E. Dennison, Jr
11. Report of Presbytery's Council, R A. Bigger, Jr.
12. Report of Task Force on Counseling, D. W. Oldenburg
13. 11:50 Stated Order: Bruce Robertson—GEB—15 minutes
Alvin Perkinson—St. Andrews—10 minutes
Silas M. Vaughn—Montreat—10 minutes
LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
14. Report of Commission on the Minister, Zane M. Moore
(First Order after Lunch)
15. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, J. K. Aiken, Jr.
(Second Order after Lunch)
16. Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery
    1. Evaluation and Review—R. W. Rayburn
    2. Christian Education—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.
    3. Institutional Ministries—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D.
    4. Research and Strategy—Roy W. Coker
    5. Deployment and Sustentation—C. L. Cheshire, Jr.
    6. Specialized Ministry—William B. Ward
    7. World Missions—Finley M. Grissett, Jr.
RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
17. Commissions to be Appointed
18. Unfinished Business: Attendance, Resolution of Thanks, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Future meeting places of Mecklenburg Presbytery were announced as follows:

September	Quail Hollow Church
November	Philadelphia Church
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February	Selwyn Avenue Church
May	Albemarle Road Church
September	Locust Church

T. L. Odom, a Ruling Elder in the host church, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery, and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

Glenn B. Robinson, Chairman
Robert E. Burnett
Earle D. Roberts
Wilton Dunn (Cook's Memorial)
Vincent Severs (Pleasant Hill)
Al Porter (Caldwell Memorial)

Tellers

George H. V. Hunter, Chairman
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.
E. E. Washington
Alva Young (McQuay)
Bobby Overcash (Calvary)

Attendance

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Stough Garrison (Albemarle Road)
Larry Baucom (Locust)

Resolutions

French B. O'Shields, Jr., Chairman
Roger P. Melton
Mrs. Barbara Pratt (South Tryon)

The Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismissal for the following Ministers:

   A. John A. Haley from Westminster Presbytery and Minister-elect of Avondale Church.

   B. Harry W. Philips from Asheville Presbytery and Minister-elect of Westminster Church.

   C. Wilbur G. Maxwell from Bethel Presbytery and Minister-elect of Pageland and Salem Churches.

   D. Leroy P. Gwaltney, III from St. Johns Presbytery and Associate Minister-elect of First Church, Albemarle, N. C.

   E. Albert G. Peery, Jr. from Atlanta Presbytery and Associate Minister-elect of Myers Park Church.

2. Certificate of Dismissal for Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Candidate under the care of Concord Presbytery and Minister-elect of the Camden and Morven Churches.

3. The Minutes of Commissions to install Ministers were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JEFF T. KESTERSON AS PASTOR OF THOMASBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on February 29, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: Charles Cowsert, Chairman, Robert J. James, and F. A. Mathes. RULING ELDERS: J. B. Payne, Marvin Cathey, Garmon McCall, and Harrill Gray.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Charles C. Cowsert. J. Bud Payne was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Harrill Gray read the Scripture and Garmon McCall had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic/text: “The Voices We Hear” Isaiah 66:6.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Thomasboro Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Jeff T. Kesterson had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by F. A. Mathes.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by J. Bud Payne.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by F. A. Mathes.

J. Bud Payne, Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JAMES H. SELL, JR. AS PASTOR OF ST. JOHN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Commission met on February 29, 1976 at 6:30 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: John A. Wilkerson, Chairman; J. Cecil Lawrence, and Henry S. Robinson. RULING ELDERS: Billy G. McCall, Mrs. Stewart E. Odham, A. Perry Read.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by A. Perry Read. Mrs. Stewart E. Odham was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. J. Cecil Lawrence read the Scripture and A. Perry Read had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by J. Cecil Lawrence on the topic/text: “The Church In God”, I Thessalonians 1:1-10.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the St. John Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship.

The Chairman then declared that James H. Sell, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the St. John Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Billy G. McCall.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Henry S. Robinson.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by John A. Wilkerson.

Mrs. Stewart E. Odham, Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JOHN RANDOLPH TAYLOR AS PASTOR OF MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on February 29, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission Members present were: MINISTERS: Warner L. Hall, Chairman, Robert J. James, Charles E. S. Kraemer and H. Kerr Taylor, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: W. Stewart Peery, J. Alex McMillan, III, Frontis W. Johnston, Mrs. Hugh Verner.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Warner L. Hall. Robert J. James was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. J. Alex McMillan and W. Stewart Peery read the Scripture and H. Kerr Taylor had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Charles E. S. Kraemer.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Myers Park Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that John Randolph Taylor had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Frontis W. Johnston.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Mrs. Hugh D. Verner.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Charles E. S. Kraemer.

Robert J. James, Secretary

The report of the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery was read by the Stated Clerk and received as information.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr. The report included a statement by Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Associate Presbyter for Christian Education. The report was received as information.

Price H. Gwynn, Jr., a Ruling Elder in the Steele Creek Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the September, 1976 Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Specialized Ministry Committee was presented by the Chairman, William B. Ward. The report was received as information and the recommendation adopted.

That Mecklenburg Presbytery approve a Workshop on Evangelism for the ministers and members of the congregations of Mecklenburg Presbytery, under the leadership of the Specialized Ministry Committee. That the Workshop be held on Sunday afternoon and evening October 24, 1976 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. That such areas as "Person to Person Evangelism," "Evangelism through Preaching," "Evangelism in Education," "Evangelism through Social Concerns," etc. be emphasized in the worship.

Presbytery recessed at 10:15 A.M.

The Court reconvened at 10:30 A.M.

As the First Order after the morning recess, Presbytery heard a sermon by Candidate Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Minister-elect of the Camden and Morven Churches.

The report of Presbytery's Council was made by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr. This report included a statement by Lawrence I. Stell, Director of the Capital Funds Campaign. The report and its recommendations were adopted.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Dr. Lawrence I. Stell has agreed to serve as Director of the Capital Funds Campaign, at a salary of $200.00 per week, on an "as needed" basis, with current expenses paid to include telephone, office expense, travel, incidental expenses; and cost of secretarial help at $3.50 per hour plus social security and the cost of provision of materials, all to be provided from Capital Funds now on hand.

2. Under the direction of Research and Strategy Committee, planning is underway for a Presbytery leadership retreat at Queens College Nov. 5 and 6.

3. The house and lot on East 17th Street have been conveyed by deed of Presbytery Trustees.

4. Appraisals have been received in preparation for sale of the properties on Highway 74 in Union County and Weddington Road in Mecklenburg County.

5. At Synod budget hearings in Raleigh on March 31, we have **proposed** the following budgeted benevolences for 1977. These proposed amounts will be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee as they begin their work:

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY	$270,000.00
SYNOD OF N. C.	270,000.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	360,000.00
	$900,000.00

6. We have authorized purchase of a new typewriter for Presbytery Office at a cost of $863.00 to be paid from Council's Contingency Fund.

7. A special committee of Council is studying the needs of office space for Presbytery staff, and recommendations will be forthcoming in the near future.

8. Council expresses great appreciation to the churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery for keeping the Presbytery Business Fund current.

9. Council is particularly grateful for the tremendous amount of work being done by the committees of our Presbytery, and for the good communication and cooperation being shown between committees and Council.

10. The audit of the Central Treasurer has been completed and the books of Mecklenburg Presbytery are in order.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is requested that Presbytery authorize its Trustees to petition the Union County Commissioners to rezone the property at the intersection of Highway 74 and State Road 1520 from R-20 to Commercial.
2. That Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. be authorized as counter-signer for Mecklenburg Presbytery Central Treasurer, to replace G. Douglas Aitken, retired.

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, presented the report of the Task Force on Counseling. This report and its recommendations were adopted as amended.

For the past two and one-half years, Mecklenburg Presbytery has made available to its constituent members counseling services at minimum costs at the Presbyterian Family Life Center, the Marriage and Family Institute, and Alexander Children's Center. Any member of one of our churches could go to either of these agencies and receive professional counseling at a fee negotiated from a base of $1 per $1000 annual family income. Mecklenburg Presbytery has placed $12,000 in its annual budget and has paid the difference between the negotiated fee to the individual and $30 per hour (not to exceed $15 per hour) up to a total of $1000 per month divided on a pro-rata basis between the agencies according to services rendered. With few exceptions, the monthly charges from the three agencies has totalled more than the budgeted $1,000, thereby necessitating the division of that amount on a pro-rata basis.

The Task Force on Counseling has monitored the use of the counseling services and is gratified to report that over the past two years, 231 clients have received a total of 2300 hours in counseling. These persons have come from 41 churches in our Presbytery, excluding those persons from churches directly supporting the Presbyterian Family Life Center who were ineligible for this program. Mecklenburg Presbytery paid an average of $11.25 per hour counseling as a subsidy supplement to the fee of the individual.

In view of the termination of their present funding structure at the end of 1976, the Presbyterian Family Life Center requested of our Task Force some indication of our intentions for 1977. Our Task Force has met several times reviewing the present program outlined above and exploring other options. We have received a preliminary proposal from Alexander Children's Center regarding the possibility of locating all counseling services in that agency. We have discussed this option with the Reverend Glenn Robinson and a representative from his Board. Our Task Force has also talked with representatives of the Methodist Counseling Center regarding the possibility of uniting our services in a broader program. We have also had considerable discussion with representatives from the Presbyterian Family Life Center.

After a careful analysis of each alternative, the Mecklenburg Presbytery Task Force on Counseling makes the following recommendations to Presbytery:

1. That Mecklenburg Presbytery express its intent to place $12,000 in its budget for counseling services in 1977. (This is the same figure as in 1976).

2. That, of this sum, $9,000 be used to pay for counseling services as they are rendered on a monthly basis at the Presbyterian Family Life Center. The fee base for ministers or members of Presbyterian U. S Churches and the subsidy paid by the Presbytery would be the same as outlined above. Not more than $750 in subsidy would be paid by the Presbytery in any given month unless surplus funds have accumulated from prior months.
3. That the remaining $3000 be used to pay for other professional services for ministers and members of our churches, especially at Alexander Children's Center, but only on the administrative referral of or with the consent of the General Presbyter. The amount of fee supplement for referral services would ordinarily be the same as for Presbyterian Family Life Center. Ordinarily Mecklenburg Presbytery will not pay more than $250 per month for referral service supplement.
4. That Mecklenburg Presbytery elect two persons to serve on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Family Life Center. Furthermore, it is understood that the General Presbyter of Mecklenburg Presbytery will serve as an advisory member of the Board.
5. That Mecklenburg Presbytery publicize the availability of this counseling service through its media
6. That the Presbytery Task Force on Counseling be encouraged to continue exploring other possibilities for providing counseling services in future years.
7. That, in order to accomplish recommendation No. 6, the Task Force on Counseling employ Dr. Raymond Fowler (Executive Director of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counseling) to work with the Task Force in 1976-77 on a consulting basis. The cost of such services will come from the Contingency Fund of Presbytery's Council, not to exceed $1,000.

The time having arrived for the Stated Order of the day, Presbytery then heard statements by Bruce L. Robertson, Staff Director of the National Mission Division of the General Executive Board; Alvin Perkinson, President of St. Andrews Presbyterian College: and Silas M. Vaughn, President of Montreat-Anderson College. These statements were received as information.

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after lunch, Zane M. Moore, Chairman, presented the report of the Commission on the Minister. The report was adopted as a whole.

Since the February 24, 1976 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister met on March 30, 1976. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the Meeting of March 30, 1976:

1. The Commission recommends that The Reverend Mr. R. R. Love be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery for another year while continuing his studies at St. Andrews, Scotland.
2. Under the provision of the BCO 15-4 and in accordance with the

Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer was approved to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Third Church, Charlotte, N. C., for April, May and June, 1976 or until a minister is installed.

3. At the request of the Session of the First Union Church, Charlotte, N. C., and with the concurrence of The Reverend Mr. James Cannon, Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer was approved to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the First Union Church for April, May and June, 1976.
4. Under the provision of the BCO 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, The Reverend Mr. Robert O. Freeman was approved to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session and Interim Supply for April, May and June, 1976 for the W. H. Belk Church, Charlotte, N. C.
5. The Terms of Call of the Pageland and Salem Presbyterian Churches to The Reverend Mr. Wilbur G. Maxwell were found in order. The Commission recommends that the Call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of Call are:

Pageland

Base Salary	$6,000.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Utilities	350.00
Ministers' Annuity—12%	
Continuing Education Allowance	150.00
Four Weeks Vacation	
Four Weeks (Mon.-Fri.) for Continuing Education until D. Min. Program completed with McCormick Seminary.	
Major Medical and Hospitalization for Minister and Family	
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Two-Thirds Moving Expense	

Salem

Base Salary	$3,000.00
Auto Allowance	300.00
Continuing Education Allowance	50.00
Four Weeks Vacation	
Four Weeks (Mon.-Fri.) for Continuing Education until D. Min. Program completed with McCormick Seminary.	
Major Medical and Hospitalization for Minister and Family	
Ministers' Annuity—12%	
One-Third Moving Expenses	

Supplement

The Commission on the Minister met on Tuesday, May 18, 1976. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

1. The Terms of Call of the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, to The Reverend Mr. Leroy Parks Gwaltney, III to serve as Associate Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$10,100.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Housing and Utilities Allowance	4,000.00
Ministers' Annuity Fund 12%	
Group Life and Major Medical Insurance for Minister & family	
One Month Vacation Annually	
Moving Expenses	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave at a time agreed upon by the Associate Pastor & Session	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
One weekend per quarter for personal & family use	

2. The Terms of Call of the Avondale Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, to The Reverend Mr. John A. Haley to serve as Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$15,000.00
Auto Allowance	1,800.00
Housing Allowance	3,600.00
Utilities Allowance	1,000.00
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Major Medical and Group Life Insurance for Minister & family	
Moving Expenses	
One Month Vacation Annually	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave at a time agreed upon by Minister & Session	

3. The Terms of Call of the Camden and Morven Presbyterian Churches to Mr. Ralph E. Dennison, Jr. to serve as Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to ordain and install him. Terms of Call are:

Camden Presbyterian Church

Salary	$5,280.00
Auto Allowance	780.00
Utility Allowance	360.00
Continuing Education Allowance	120.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
One Month Annual Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
Moving Expenses 60%	
Major Medical and Group Life Insurance for Minister & Family	252.00
Manse—provided by Morven Presbyterian Church	

Morven Presbyterian Church

Salary	$3,520.00
Auto Allowance	520.00
Manse	
Utilities Allowance	240.00
Continuing Education	80.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Moving Expenses 40%	
One Month Annual Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
Major Medical and Group Life for Minister & Family	195.91

4. The Terms of Call of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, to The Reverend Mr. Albert G. Peery, Jr. to serve as Associate Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval of Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$9,000.00
Utilities Allowance	650.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Group Life and Major Medical	
Life-Disability Insurance	
Automobile Provided plus Expenses	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Manse Provided	
One Month Paid Vacation Annually	
Two Weeks Paid Study Leave Annually	
Moving Expenses	

5. The Terms of Call of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, to The Reverend Mrs. Margaret Barnes Peery to serve as Associate Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in her hands, and that a commission be appointed to install her. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$9,000.00
Utilities Allowance	650.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Group Life and Major Medical	
Life-Disability Insurance	
Automobile Provided plus Expenses	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Manse Provided	

That at the option of Margaret Barnes Peery upon the issue of a child, she may reduce her level of time commitment (e. g. to ¾ time) in order to carry out homemaking duties.

One Month Paid Vacation Annually
Two Weeks Paid Study Leave Annually
Moving Expenses

6. The Terms of Call of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, to The Reverend Mr. Harry W. Philips to serve as Pastor were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$12,000.00
Housing Allowance	4,800.00
Utilities Allowance	1,800.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Annual Continuing Education and Book Allowance	500.00
Three Weeks Annual Study Leave while engaged in Doctor of Ministry Program	
Program reverts to Two Weeks Annually upon completion of Doctor of Ministry Degree	
Automobile Provided plus Expenses	
Major Medical Insurance for Minister and Family	
One Month Annual Vacation	
An Amount Equal to Full Social Security Payment	
Moving Expenses	

7. The Commission recommends that The Reverend Mr. Neil C. Leach be granted permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery for one year, beginning June 1, 1976 as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte.

8. The Commission recommends the following Resolution be adopted by Presbytery:

> On October 16, 1969, Charles C. Cowsert came to Charlotte to assume the duties of Associate Director and Treasurer of The Presbyterian Foundation, Inc. (U.S.). It was, however, some two years later, on February 23, 1971, that Charlie moved his membership from Winchester Presbytery to Mecklenburg and became a full-fledged "Mecklenburg Presbyterian".
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> Charles Cowsert has served the Presbytery as an effective leader and source of strength He was elected Chairman of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, and did a most outstanding job in coordinating the many responsibilities of this important committee. Even though Charlie was chairing one of Presbytery's most active committees, he was always willing to undertake additional responsibilities when asked; and asked he was, to serve on numerous ordination and installation commissions of friends and acquaintances coming into Presbytery. He has also served as occasional and interim supply minister, preaching in most of the churches of Presbytery at one time or another.

In November, 1974, Presbytery elected Charles Cowsert as Moderator when the court met at Covenant Church. In February, 1975, he was elected a Commissioner to the General Assembly meeting that year in Charlotte. By virtue of his having received the highest number of votes cast, he was named Chairman of the Mecklenburg Commissioners, a most significant honor.

Now, the ministry of Charles Cowsert draws to a close in Charlotte, as he prepares to accept the position of Executive Secretary of the Board of Annuities and Relief. He will retain his membership in Mecklenburg Presbytery, and will come as often as possible to meetings of the court. But, as we pause to take note of the years he has spent with us, the severance of them is even more painful. Yet, in the providence of God, we have been blessed far beyond measure in having Charles Cowsert as fellow laborer, faithful Presbyter, and, most of all, friend.

9. At his own request, pending the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that the pastoral relationship between The Reverend Mr. Horace H. Hilton, Jr. and the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective June 30, 1976, and a transfer of his membership be granted to the Presbytery of Wilmington that he may accept a call to the Myrtle Grove Church in Wilmington.

10. Under the provision of the BCO 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, The Reverend Mr. W. M. Boyce was approved Interim Supply for the St. Andrews Church and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session for three months, beginning May 16, 1976, or until a minister is installed.

11. Under provision of the BCO 15-4 and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, The Reverend Mr. Robert Turner was approved as Interim Supply of the Westminster Church and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session for three months, beginning May 2, 1976, or until a minister is installed.

Presbytery voted to appoint an Administrative Commission as follows:

The Commission on the Minister of Mecklenburg Presbytery has sought since June 23, 1975, to correct the difficulties at the First Union Presbyterian Church **(Book of Church Order 21-3).** It appears, as of this date, that the Commission on the Minister has been unsuccessful in its efforts.

1. We, therefore, recommend to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg that: Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to investigate and resolve difficulties which have arisen in the First Union Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina **(Book of Church Order 19-2).**

2. Presbytery confer upon said Commission all power of Presbytery required "to inquire into and settle such difficulties" **(Book of Church Order 19-2, 16-7).**

3. That the Commission be composed of nine persons and that the following be named to the Commission:

   Glenn B. Robinson, Chairman
   W. M. Boyce
   C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
   A. Rudolph Hendricks
   Robert Turner
   Mrs. Buford Baucom (Inez) (Plaza)
   Mrs. Henry Harkey (Lib) (Myers Park)
   Forney Michael (Paw Creek)
   T. LaFontain Odom (Pleasant Hill)

4. In accordance with our understanding of the **Book of Church Order** Chapter 31 (19), the First Presbytery of The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church be notified of this action and that it be invited to appoint a Committee to sit with the Administrative Commission of Mecklenburg Presbytery.
5. Presbytery engage in prayer in behalf of the Church, the Minister, and the Officers of the First Union Presbyterian Church, and that Presbytery engage in prayer for divine guidance for the Commission as they undertake this task.

Presbytery then proceeded to the hearing of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. J. K. Aiken, Jr., the Chairman of this Committee, presented to Presbytery the following ministers for examination with a view toward their reception as members of Mecklenburg Presbytery: Leroy P. Gwaltney, III, Associate Pastor-elect of First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle, N. C. and now of St. Johns Presbytery; Wilbur G. Maxwell, Pastor-elect of the Pageland and Salem Churches and now of Bethel Presbytery; John A. Haley, Pastor-elect of Avondale Church and now of Westminster Presbytery; Albert G. Peery, Jr., Associate Pastor-elect of Myers Park Church, and now of Atlanta Presbytery; and Harry W. Philips, Pastor-elect of Westminster Church, and now of Asheville Presbytery.

Each of these brethren made a statement as to his Christian experience. They were then examined concerning their views on theology, the sacraments, and Church government. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Gwaltney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Haley, Mr. Philips and Mr. Peery were placed in their hands and by them accepted. The call for the services of Margaret Barnes Peery, a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery and Associate Pastor-elect of Myers Park Church, was placed in her hands and by her accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of these calls. These ministers were then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers and the following Commissions were appointed to install them.

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL WILBUR G. MAXWELL AS PASTOR OF THE PAGELAND AND SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

(Service to be held in the Pageland Church)

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions
Roger P. Melton, To preach the Sermon
Glenn L. Hill, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

RULING ELDERS:

Brice Gettys (Monroe First), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
Tom Moore (Salem)
Lawrence Phillips (Salem)
Ray Yandle (Pageland)
Sammy Snipes (Pageland)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ALBERT G. PEERY, JR. AND MARGARET BARNES PEERY AS ASSOCIATE MINISTERS OF MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Randolph Taylor, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

Joe Harvard, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastors (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

Horace E. Stoessel

A. J. McKelway, Jr.

RULING ELDERS:

Jorge Lara-Braud, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

Mrs. Betty Schenck (Davidson College), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

D. A. Barnes (Davidson College)

Richard Vinroot (Myers Park)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL LEROY P. GWALTNEY, III AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE, N. C. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman, To preside

Robert J. James, To propound the Constitutional Questions

Henry S. Robinson, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Paul M. Edris, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

RULING ELDERS:

R. J. Primm (Thomasboro), To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor

James P. Sifford (Albemarle First), Prayer

Tom Yost (Albemarle First), Scripture Reading

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL JOHN A. HALEY AS PASTOR OF AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Earle D. Roberts, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

Frank H. Caldwell, To preach the Sermon

Lawrence I. Stell, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

RULING ELDERS:

G. Douglas Aitken (Avondale), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

John A. Roddey, Jr. (Myers Park)

Louis H. Meacham (Avondale)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL HARRY W. PHILIPS AS PASTOR OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

J. Davison Philips, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

Lawrence I. Stell, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Zane M. Moore, Prayer of Installation

RULING ELDERS:

Mrs. M. Mason Barber, Jr. (Westminster), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

L. Hunter Pharr (Sardis), To read Scripture

William A. White, Jr. (Myers Park)

Presbytery recessed at 3:00 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 3:15 P.M.

A. J. McKelway, Jr., Chairman of the Pre-Ordination Division of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, submitted the report of this committee. Presbytery adopted a motion to approve the sermon delivered to Presbytery by Mr. Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., and the papers submitted by him to this committee.

Mr. McKelway then presented Mr. Dennison to Presbytery for examination with a view toward ordination and reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Mr. Dennison made a statement concerning his Christian experience and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. He was then examined on his knowledge of theology, the sacraments, and English Bible. The examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Dennison was placed in his hands and by him accepted. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of this call. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Dennison:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL RALPH E. DENNISON, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE CAMDEN AND MORVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1976 AT 7:00 P.M.

(Service to be held in the Camden Church)

MINISTERS:

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

French B. O'Shields, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

James E. Ratchford, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

David H. Burr, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

RULING ELDERS

Tom Whitley (Morven), To lead in Prayer

Floyd Dutton (Camden), To read Scripture

Herbert Hildreth (Wadesboro)

The Annual Report of the Women of the Church of Mecklenburg Presbytery was presented by the immediate past President, Mrs. Leonard W. Topping, who introduced the newly elected President, Mrs. C. T. Wells, Jr. The report was received as information.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was made by the Chairman, Robert W. Rayburn. It was received as information.

The report of the Research and Strategy Committee was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. The report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted.

The Research and Strategy Committee concurs with the Deployment and Sustentation Committee in recommending to Presbytery that the Council of Presbytery be authorized to proceed immediately to initiate the process for acquisition of land looking forward to future church development in the following areas:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In the East Suburban Area in the vicinity of Idlewild and N. C. Highway 51. (For development in 3-5 years).
2. In the South Suburban Area in the vicinity of N. C. Highway 51 and Rea Road/Elm Lane (For development in 6-10 years).
3. In the North Mecklenburg Area in the vicinity of N. C. Highway 73 (relocated) and Sam Furr Road (For development in approximately 10 years).

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was made by the Chairman, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., and its recommendations were adopted.

The Deployment and Sustentation Committee presents the following report for adoption:

1. Policy relative to New Church Development
2. Development of Guidelines for the continued ministry relative to 13 congregations cited in Mecklenburg 21, pp. 119-121
3. Future continued ministry of Clanton Memorial Presbyterian Church
4. Loan to Memorial Presbyterian Church of $50,000.00
5. Resolution by Mecklenburg Presbytery re: Loan, $50,000.00 to Memorial Presbyterian Church
6. New Church site acquisitions.

1. The Deployment and Sustentation Committee understands that it is one of its primary responsibilities and will undertake to initiate new church development. It will work closely with and receive recommendations from the Research and Strategy Committee in this matter on the basis of feasibility studies developed by them. It is further understood that individuals or Sessions of Churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery will be able to channel its requests for new church development through the Deployment/Sustentation Committee. Funding programs to underwrite the cost of new church development will be initiated by the Deployment and Sustentation Committee and presented to Mcklenburg Presbytery for its advice and consent. The present capital funds campaign has the wholehearted support of this committee and it stands ready to assist with its implementation as it is called upon.
2. In Mecklenburg 21, pp. 119-121, there are 13 churches listed which may need to be merged, clustered, dissolved, membership dispersed or otherwise assisted so that they can render the best performance of their Mission. The Deployment/Sustentation Committee has requested the Research and Strategy Committee to study these situations and to develop and recommend guidelines for the continued ministries of these churches.

3. With the request of the Clanton Memorial Church to terminate the two-field pastoral supply, the Development and Sustentation Committee has continued its study of the future of the Clanton Memorial Church.

   In the light of

   A. Declining membership
   B. Increasingly inadequate program
   C. Declining participation
   D. Dissipation of Resources (The Committee is informed that Clanton was able to pay 1975 bills only by using part of the capital of an inheritance, and the 1976 bills thus far have further drawn upon the capital of the inheritance)
   E. Removal of membership from the community
   F. The possibility of merger with another church

   The Deployment and Sustentation Committee took the following action after meeting with the Session of Clanton Memorial:

   1. The Deployment and Sustentation Committee recommends that the Session of Clanton Memorial request their Moderator to ask Rev. Robert James, General Presbyter, to meet with them in a called meeting to consider a recommendation for dissolution of the Clanton Memorial Presbyterian Church.
   2. That the Session call a congregational meeting to see if they concur with the Session in requesting dissolution.
   3. If so, that a service of dissolution be held, if Presbytery agrees.
   4. That the properties be assigned to Mecklenburg Presbytery to be used in the continuing ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.
   5. That members of Clanton Memorial Church be dismissed to a church or to the churches of their choice, or a church in the neighborhood wherein they reside; and
   6. That the congregation designate the present trust fund to be administered by Presbytery as a continuing memorial, through church extension.

The meeting was held. By a 5-4 vote, the Clanton Memorial Session declined to concur in a request to Presbytery to dissolve the church. By the same vote, the Session refused to consider merger with any other Presbyterian Church. At that meeting, the Clerk of the Session resigned as Clerk and as a member of the Session, preparatory to moving his and his wife's membership to another church. The Committee is informed that a total of 4 Ruling Elders are preparing to make that move.

The Deployment and Sustentation Committee will, therefore, continue to consult with Clanton Session as they seek to strengthen and re-establish program and mission, and will be prepared to make report, and if necessary, recommendation to the September meeting of Presbytery.

4. The Deployment and Sustentation Committee recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that it commit itself to a loan of $50,000, to Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., at the date of completion of its construction. The first payment of the annual interest of 5% will be due beginning one year from the date of the receipt of this loan in semi-annual payments. Memorial Presbyterian Church may have the privilege at its option of allowing the interest to accumulate not longer than 5 years after the date of the loan and that the accumulated interest be added to the principal of the loan. Further, provision will allow that each year that Memorial Presbyterian Church increases its Benevolence giving to Presbytery's, Synod's and General Assembly's causes over its high year after 1975 to these same causes, that each $2.00 of its increase to these causes shall cause to be forgiven $1.00 of this loan.

5. That Mecklenburg Presbytery authorize the Council to initiate the process for acquisition of future church sites in the following areas.
   a. In the general vicinity of N. C. 51 and Elm Lane
   b. In the general vicinity of Idlewild Road and N. C. 51
   c. 1. In the East Suburban Area in the vicinity of Idlewild and N. C. Highway 51. (For development in 3-5 years).
      2. In the South Suburban Area in the vicinity of N. C. Highway 51 and Rea Road/Elm Lane (For development in 6-10 years).
      3. In the North Mecklenburg Area in the vicinity of N. C. Highway 73 (relocated) and Sam Furr Road (For development in approximately 10 years).

The following Resolution recommended to Mecklenburg Presbytery by the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY REGARDING LOAN TO MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, desires to undertake a building program to improve the physical plant of the Church and has applied for financial assistance to Mecklenburg Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, the Deployment and Sustentation Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery has reviewed, investigated and made various inquiries concerning the application of Memorial Presbyterian Church for such financial assistance and has determined that Memorial Presbyterian Church desires a loan from Mecklenburg Presbytery in the amount of $50,000.00 to assist with the permanent financing of the contemplated building on the Church grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and purpose of Mecklenburg Presbytery to make funding available to churches within the Presbytery who need financial assistance for capital improvements and various worthy causes as funds may be available for such purposes from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and the Deployment and Sustentation Committee recommends that in this instance $50,000.00 be made available to assist in permanent financing of the construction program of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate officials of Mecklenburg Presbytery be, and they are hereby, authorized to commit and bind Mecklenburg Presbytery to lend the sum of $50,000.00 to Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina for purposes of assisting with the permanent financing of construction to improve the physical plant of the Church with such loan of $50,000 00 to be disbursed upon substantial completion of the contemplated construction and at the time of paying off the construction loan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said $50,000.00 loan to Memorial Presbyterian Church shall be repayable with interest at the rate of 5% per annum with the first payment, upon terms to be later agreed upon, to be due one year from the date of disbursement of the said loan amount, with said borrower having the privilege, at its option, to allow the interest to accumulate on said principal amount not longer than five years after the date of disbursement of such loan funds with said accumulated interest to be added to the principal of the loan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with regard to repayment of the amount borrowed, Presbytery will allow for each year that said borrower increases its benevolent giving to Presbytery's, Synod's and General Assembly's causes over its high year after 1975 to the same causes, that each $2.00 of its increase to such causes shall cause to be forgiven or credited on said loan amount $1.00 in the case of such increase; it being further understood that more definite repayment terms will be arrived at between Mecklenburg Presbytery and Memorial Presbyterian Church at or before the time for disbursement of the loan funds contemplated by this resolution.

The report of the International Missions Committee was presented by the Chairman, Finley M. Grissett, Jr. The report was received as information and the recommendations were adopted.

1. That every church give its full commitment to the achieving of budgeted benevolent goals.
2. That churches who desire to give "Over and Above", be encouraged to undertake new missionary support or give to No. 3219 Second Mile Missionary Salary Support Fund.
3. That Mecklenburg Presbytery go on record as favoring the present 69.95 percent of income to International Missions and 30.05 percent to domestic Missions. That if a change is to be made by G.E.B. **the ratio adopted should** give increased percentage to International Missions, and **not less.**

Lawrence I. Stell, reporting for the Personnel Committee, made a motion that Miss Ann Duckwall, First Church, Albemarle, be elected to replace Leon Hoover as a member of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, Class of 1978. Adopted.

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by Stough Garrison. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by the Chairman, French B. O'Shields, Jr. and adopted.

"The Presbytery of Mecklenburg expresses its sincere appreciation to the Session, Diaconate, the Pastor, Rev. Roy W. Coker, Women of the Church, and to the entire congregation of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church for the gracious hospitality extended to us at our 18th Stated Meeting, May 25, 1976.

"To the "body of believers at Pleasant Hill" and to members of the Court we give thanks to those who refreshed and fed us; to those who led and assisted us in our worship experiences; to those who arranged tables, chairs, and parking to accommodate us; and to those who in every way helped us to effectively and efficiently transact the matters before our Court.

"Mecklenburg Presbytery sincerely joins with the Pleasant Hill Church in praising God for the lovely and useful facility and every evidence of His good grace among you leading you into full maturity in Christ Jesus. May God continue to bless you and make you a blessing to others."

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

Presbytery adopted a motion to adjourn the meeting. The members of Presbytery stood, and the Moderator led the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The Court stood adjourned to meet at Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church in Charlotte on Tuesday, September 28, 1976 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR		PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Sept.,	1960	Robinson Church	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1961	Sardis Church	Rev. Ben F. Ferguson
April,	1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July,	1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct.	1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan.,	1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April,	1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July,	1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct.	1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan.	1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April,	1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July,	1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct.,	1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan.,	1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April,	1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July,	1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct.,	1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan.	1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April,	1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July,	1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct.	1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan.,	1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April,	1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July,	1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct.,	1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April,	1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July,	1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct.,	1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan.,	1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April,	1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct.,	1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan.,	1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April,	1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct.,	1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb.	1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May,	1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept.,	1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov.,	1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb.,	1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May,	1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept.,	1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov.,	1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb.,	1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May,	1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept.,	1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov.,	1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb.,	1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May,	1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept.,	1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov.,	1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb.	1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May	1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept.,	1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov.,	1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb.	1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May	1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford
Sept.	1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov.	1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig
Feb.	1976	Sardis Church	Rev. Glenn B. Robinson
May	1976	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Eldon D. Wadsworth

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1977

Officers of The Presbytery:

Price H. Gwynn, III, Moderator of September Meeting, 6222 Sharon Hills Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Edward C. Wilson, Moderator of November Meeting, Indian Trail, N. C. 28079

Robert J. James, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Associate Presbyter for Christian Education, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C., 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1977—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

1980—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (3), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (2), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (2)

Presbytery:

James Crews (Trinity), Chairman, 2612 Sherwood Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

1977—James Crews (Trinity) (Chm.)

1978—David Berryhill (Albemarle Road)

1979—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park), Chairman, 810 Baxter Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1977—G. Carswell Hughs
1978—Lewis Bledsoe
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1979—William G. Katibah, Jr.
1979—Jeff T. Kesterson

Elders

1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) (Chm.)
1977—Forney Michael (Paw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)
1979—John A. Tate, Jr. (Davidson College)
1979—W. L.Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28130

Ministers

1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—T. W. Tucker
1978—Warren Nance
1978—James McKinnon
1979—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1979—Earle D. Roberts
1979—D. Scott Lindsay

Elders

1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1978—A. O. Canon (Myers Park)
1978—Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
1978—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1979—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1979—Mrs. John E. Butler (Amity)
1979—Reuben Tomberlin (Indian Trail)

2. Commission on the Minister

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman, Rt. 3, Box 441, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Ministers

1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth (Chm.)
1977—D. W. Oldenburg
1978—Edward C. Wilson
1978—Charles E. S. Kraemer
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1970—Roy W. Coker

Elders

1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Nancy Odham (St. John)
1978—George O. Stovall (Albemarle First)
1979—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1979—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1977—Horace E. Stoessel
1978—Fred C. Holder(Chm.)
1979—Zane M. Moore

Elders

1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1977—Roger P. Melton
1978—Robert W. Rayburn (Chm.)
1979—Russell M. Kerr

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Frank Funderburk (Monroe First)
1978—David Beach (Badin)
1979—Paul Bell (Trinity)

2. Christian Education

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman, 1600 Mallard Creek Church Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Ministers

1977—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
1977—Fred Horner
1977—E. E. Washington
1978—Kenneth P. Craig (Chm.)
1978—Robert E. Smith, Jr.
1979—Wallace Johnson
1979—Kenneth Woodard

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Paula Kelton (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1977—Bill Kenyon (Caldwell Memorial)
1977—Mrs. G. B. Michie (Seigle Ave.)
1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)
1978—Gabe C. Hill, III (Sharon)
1978—Mrs. Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Jane Walkup (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
1978—Roger Smith (Covenant)
1979—Robert C. Hinkle (Badin)
1979—Mrs. Lane D. Vickery (Indian Trail)
1979—Mrs. Morrison Irwin (St. Andrews)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), Chairman, 1117 Greentree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1977—Glenn B. Robinson
1978—W. R. Otey, III
1979—J. Craig Butler

Lay Members

1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) (Chm.)
1978—Miss Ann Vickers (Sardis)
1979—Mark Tinkham (Huntersville)

2. Research and Strategy

Daniel Brooks, Chairman, 6816 Queensberry Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers

1977—James E. Ratchford
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
1978—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
1978—W. L. Kline
1979—H. Louis Patrick
1979—Robert S. Hough

Lay Members

1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Daniel Brooks (Carmel) (Chm.)
1978—William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1978—John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)
1979—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1979—M. E. Yandle (Steele Creek)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Chairman, First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, N. C. 28170

Ministers

1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. (Chm.)
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III
1978—Frank Wilkinson
1978—Glenn L. Hill
1979—James H. Sell, Jr.
1979—William B. Ward

Lay Members

1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Miss Ann Duckwall (Albemarle First)
1978—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College)
1979—Jack Cathey (Third)
1979—Oscar W. Faulk, Jr. (Benton Heights)

4. Specialized Ministry

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman, Route 9, Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.
1977—John R. MacKinnon
1978—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh (Chm.)
1978—Tom Reinowski
1979—Neil C. Leach
1979—J. David Fletcher

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Curtina Bradley (Smallwood)
1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)
1978—Ed Parnell (Avondale)
1978—Don Haas (First Union)
1978—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1979—D. G. Martin (Seigle Avenue)

5. International Missions

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman, 3501 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—J. Wendell Ligon
1979—George H. V. Hunter

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Ave.)
1978—Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)
1979—Glenn Cathey (Paw Creek)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel

L. I. Stell, Chairman, Route 2, Box S540, Denver, N. C. 28037

Ministers

1977—Edward C. Wilson
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1978—L. I. Stell (Chm.)
1979—Zane M. Moore
1979—J. David Fletcher

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1978—Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Ave.)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1979—Larry Baucom (Locust)

2. Court Meetings

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1977—David E. Wilkinson (Chm.)
1978—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1979—Marcus B. Prince, III

Lay Members

1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
1978—N. J. Owens (Christ)
1979—Bobby Overcash (Calvary)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, 1117 Linganore Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28203

Ministers

1977—Frank H. Caldwell (Chm.)
1978—Neely McCarter
1979—Earl R. MacCormac

Lay Members

1977—Miss Bettie McEwen (Philadelphia)
1978—Miss Ruth Farrior (Plaza)
1979—J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road)

2. Worship

Donald Stroud, Chairman, Marshville, N. C. 28103

Ministers

1977—Donald Stroud (Chm.)
1978—J. Arthur Beard
1979—Robert O. Freeman

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1978—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)
1979—Frank O. Roberts (Philadelphia)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1977—Russell M. Kerr
1977—Robert Utsman (Sharon)
1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)
1979—G. Carswell Hughs

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby

Haiti Development Commission

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1977—James H. McKinnon
1978—T. W. Tucker
1979—Douglas W. Oldenburg (Chm.)
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

Ruling Elders

1977—Mrs. Henry Harkey (Myers Park)
1977—Sam Ryburn (Covenant)
1978—Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
1978—William C. Sugg, Jr., M.D. (Covenant)
1979—Mrs. Hugh D. Verner (Myers Park)
1979—T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)

Advisory Members

1977—David Beach (Badin)
1978—Paul Brown (Steele Creek)
1979—Harold Hope, M.D. (Charlotte First)

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C., 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity), G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Rodney C. Shoemaker, Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster), Mrs. Ruth Topping (Charlotte First), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

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Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	6-26-21	
M. B. Prince, Jr. H.R.	6-16-29	
Roy F. Whitley, H.R.	7-23-45	
Charles E.S. Kraemer, H.R.	11-26-45	
Warner L. Hall	4-16-46	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean, H.R.	4-16-46	
John A. Carriker, H R.	10-15-46	
David E. Wilkinson	7-17-51	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper, H.R.	7-17-51	
Russell M. Kerr	7-15-52	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	7-19-52	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	1-20-53	
W. G. Workman, H.R.	4-21-53	
Fred C. Holder	7-11-54	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	1-18-55	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	4-12-55	
Leighton S. Ford	4-12-55	Evangelist
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	6-15-56	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	3-5-57	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	4-16-57	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	11-5-57	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	4-21-59	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	7-21-59	
Daniel L. Durway	9-15-59	Graduate Student
David G. Boyce	9-20-60	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	1-24-61	Director Alexander Children's Center
H. Louis Patrick	1-22-63	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	4-16-63	
J. Arthur Beard	7-16-63	Locust
David C. Hambrick, Jr.	7-16-63	Chaplain
Eugene P. Poe, H.R.	7-16-63	
Charles Betts Huntley	6-7-64	Foreign Missionary
William D. Morton	7-21-64	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., H R.	10-20-64	
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	10-20-64	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	1-26-65	
Paul W. Beazley	7-19-65	Graduate Student
Paul A. Horne	7-20-65	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith	10-19-65	Turner, Siler
Eldon D. Wadsworth	10-19-65	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	10-19-65	Interpreter's House
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	7-19-66	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	10-18-66	South Tryon

Roll of Ministers	**Date Received**	**Church**
Robert J. James	10-18-66	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	10-18-66	Associate in Christian Education
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	10-18-66	
Zane M. Moore	1-24-67	Central Steele Creek
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	7-18-67	
Kenneth P. Craig	7-18-67	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	7-18-67	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	10-17-67	
John E. Smylie	10-17-67	
Edward C. Wilson	1-23-68	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	1-23-68	Christ
James A. Cannon	7-16-68	First Union
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H R.	7-16-68	
John A. Luddy	7-28-68	McGee
James S. Mann	7-28-68	
H. E. Stoessel	10-15-68	
Neil C. Leach	1-28-69	Executive Director, Planned Parenthood
Robert S. Maclin, III	1-28-69	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	4-15-69	
Roy W. Coker	4-15-69	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	7-15-69	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	7-15-69	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	7-15-69	
Raeford Rodney Love	7-27-69	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	10-20-69	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	10-20-69	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	10-20-69	
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	10-20-69	Evangelist
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	12-9-69	
Charles L. Kirby	2-24-70	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	2-24-70	Ramah
Joe P. Arnold	5-26-70	
Robert S. Hough	11-24-70	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	11-24-70	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	11-24-70	
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	2-23-71	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	2-23-71	
Charles C. Cowsert	2-23-71	Executive Secretary, Board of Annuities and Relief
Robert O. Freeman	5-25-71	
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	9-28-71	
Jennings B. Reid	9-28-71	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	9-28-71	Albemarle Road
Earl R. MacCormac	11-16-71	Professor
Frank C. Wilkinson	1-1-72	Calvary
John B. Rogers, Jr.	2-22-72	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	2-22-72	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	2-22-72	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	2-22-72	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	2-22-72	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	2-22-72	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	5-23-72	Beulah-Lee Park

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C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	9-26-72	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	9-26-72	
R. E. Smith, Jr.	9-26-72	Sardis (Associate)
G. Carswell Hughs	9-26-72	Charlotte First
William B. Ward	11-28-72	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	2-27-73	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	2-27-73	
S. Monroe Busch, H.R.	3-2-73	
William M. Edwards, II	5-22-73	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	5-22-73	Admin. Davidson College
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	6-24-73	Davidson College (Assistant)
Earle D. Roberts	9-25-73	Covenant (Assistant)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	9-25-73	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	9-25-73	McQuay
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	9-25-73	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	9-25-73	Plaza
E. E. Washington	9-25-73	Smallwood
Fred R. Horner	11-27-73	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	12-2-73	Trinity (Assistant)
J. W. Ligon	2-26-74	Carmel
W. G. Nance	2-26-74	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon	5-28-74	Presbyterian Family Life Center
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	5-28-74	Walkersville
David Scott Lindsay	6-16-74	Charlotte First (Associate)
Neil M. McMillan	9-24-74	Selwyn Avenue
Vernon H. Dodd	10-13-74	Hopewell (Assistant)
Kenneth Woodard	11-19-74	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	11-19-74	Sharon
W. L Kline, Jr.	2-25-75	Memorial
John R. Crawford	2-25-75	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	2-25-75	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	4-6-75	Myers Park (Associate)
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	5-27-75	
Roger P. Melton,	5-27-75	Altan-Bethany
George H. V. Hunter	5-27-75	Badin
Donald E. Stroud	6-22-75	Marshville—New Salem
Thomas K. Reinowski	6-22-75	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
J. Craig Butler	6-29-75	Benton Heights
H. Howard Smith	9-23-75	Robinson
Carl R. Pritchett, H.R.	9-23-75	
J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	11-18-75	Huntersville
J. R. Taylor	2-24-76	Myers Park
J. H. Sell, Jr.	2-24-76	St. John
Jeff T. Kesterson	2-24-76	Thomasboro
Wilbur G. Maxwell	5-25-76	Pakeland-Salem
Leroy P. Gwaltney, III	5-25-76	Albemarle First (Associate)
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	5-25-76	Myers Park (Associate)
Harry W. Philips	5-25-76	Westminster
John A. Haley, Jr.	5-25-76	Avondale
Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.	6-27-76	Camden-Morven
Charles A. Norwood	9-28-76	St. Andrews
Robert J. Garment	10-9-76	Westover Hills
Total Ministers		**146**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Jane Flowe Brawley, Agnes Scott College, Robinson Church

Charles Timothy Carriker, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Westminster Church

Samuel David Carriker, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Richard Donald Carriker, Princeton Seminary, Sardis Church

Robert Andrew Cathey, Davidson College, Third Church

G. Wayne Cole, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Frederick Alvin Herbert Coates, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Fred Craven Douglas, Appalachian State University, Huntersville Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Robert Curtis Fussell, III, Louisville Seminary, Sardis Church

Sally Henderson, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Zeb Brad Long, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, University of Pennsylvania, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Hopewell Church

Catherine Cora Snyder, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

David Harold Sutton, Union Seminary, Albemarle First Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

The Nineteenth Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 28, 1976

The Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on September 18, 1976.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by Thomas K. Reinowski. The Service included a sermon by the Moderator, Eldon D. Wadsworth, on the theme, "I Will Build My Church," based on Matthew 16:18.

Another part of this Service was a Memorial to Robert Turner, which was prepared and presented by Warner L. Hall. The Memorial was adopted and admitted to the record.

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND ROBERT TURNER

The earthly life of Robert Turner began at Elmwood in Iredell County on December 29, 1904 and ended on the 4th of September, 1976 in Charlotte. Reared in a God-fearing home by his parents, John Chapman and Nannie Vaughan Turner, together with a sister and six brothers, he early learned the essence of the Christian life that was to distinguish him all his days.

He graduated from Davidson College in June of 1930 and a month later married Edith Hudson of Mooresville. He and Edith then went to Richmond, Virginia to enroll in Union Seminary where they were to remain for the next three years. After Seminary he was ordained and installed Pastor of the Samuel Davies Church by the Presbytery of East Hanover. In 1936 he became the Pastor of the Louisa, Virginia, Church and the group associated with it. The following year he accepted a call to the Bethpage Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina where he remained until 1942. Meanwhile, their home had been brightened by the arrival of a daughter, Betty Jean, now Mrs. Charles E. Crowder, and a son John Robert.

After five years in Kannapolis he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. After a brief pastorate there he became Executive Secretary of Concord Presbytery where he remained until 1953 It was here that he found full scope for his talents. He led the Presbytery in the building of a splendid camp to be used for its educational and recreational purposes. He served as Pastor Pastorum to the ministers of the Presbytery in a most helpful and constructive fashion. He had one more term as pastor responding to the call of the Covenant Church of Charlotte to join its staff. For four years he moved helpfully and understandingly among that people, but then he decided once again to return to an administrative position. In 1957 he became the Regional Director of Christian Education for the Synod of North Carolina. He was to serve in this capacity until his retirement on December 31, 1973. This was the culmination of his ministry and once again his capacity to care for those working with him and in the field was most manifest and warmly responded to. As an expression of its appreciation for the services he had rendered the Synod, it elected him its Moderator in 1964. He presided over the affairs of the Synod with fairness and effectiveness.

His ministry did not end with his retirement. A number of churches besought him to become Interim Pastor. He responded to many of these calls serving as problem solver and pastor, as the leader of their worship and as the counselor in their searching for a new minister. The large number of churches which sought his services in this fashion is testimony to the effectiveness of this aspect of his ministry.

Called of God to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, he served with fidelity and devotion for forty years and more. He was a man of integrity and of gentle compassion and serious purpose and yet of great good humor. He served his State well and it is the better because of it. His beloved alma mater, Davidson College, of which he was a Trustee, felt the weight of his concern. He built up the Church and proclaimed the wondrous Good News. We give thanks for his life and work and commit him to the gracious keeping of our Savior Whose he was and Whom he served.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, David G. Boyce, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Ken P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., L. P. Gwaltney, III, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. Merrell Keith, W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, W. L. Kline, Neil C. Leach, D. Scott Lindsay, John A. Luddy, Jr., John R. MacKinnon, F. R. McAlister, Jr., Fred R. McAlister, Sr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Tom W. MacLean, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Robert S. Maclin, III, Frank A. Mathes, Wilbur G. Maxwell, Julius W. Melton, Jr., R. P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, A. Jackson Morrison, W. D. Morton, T. J. Nash, III, W. G. Nance, D. W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. Rush Otey, III, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret Barnes Peery, Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Tom K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, H. H. Smith, R. E. Smith, Lawrence I. Stell, Horace E. Stoessel, Donald E. Stroud, A. Leslie Thompson, J. Randolph Taylor, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, E. E. Washington, Frank C. Wilkinson, John A. Wilkerson, Jr., T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: R. Zach Thomas, III, George Hunter,

L. W. Topping, Leighton Ford, T. A. Little, Jr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, J. R. Crawford, J. E. Smylie, G. Eliot Dixon.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: J. W. Ligon, Neely McCarter.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Joe Russell; Albemarle Road, Jerry Berry; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, Mrs. Rosalia Shell; Avondale, W. L. Faucette; James S. Hunter; Badin, A. C. Gardner; Banks, James R. Perry; Bethel, Leslie Kelly; W. H. Belk, Mrs. Hester Shytle; Benton Heights, Earl Williams; Bethlehem, J. Brooks Long; Caldwell Memorial, Marvin Westmoreland; Calvary, Jimmy White; Camden, D. E. Phillips; Carmel, Roy W. Beaty; Central Steele Creek, Yates W. Reep; Charlotte First, Henry Bridges, John Williams, James McMillan; Christ, N. J. Owens; Cook's Memorial, C. A. Dunn; Covenant, Jake C. Barnhardt; Cornelius, Jack Conard; Davidson College, D. A. Barnes; East, Mrs. Earl D. Talbert; First Union, Jack Kanipe; Forest Hill, Mrs. Edna H. McWhirter; Hickory Grove, W. P. Armstrong; Hopewell, Ewell P. Somers; Huntersville, J. Y. Barnett; Indian Hill, John Wilson Mance; Indian Trail, N. G. Killough; Johnston Memorial, Dan Lamon; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, Batte I. Hunter, Jr.; Marshville, Ben F. Parker; Matthews, Frank Renfrow; McGee, Clyde Richard McGee; McQuay, Mrs. Ollie Burrage; Memorial, Don Ross; Monroe First, William W. Hendrick; Morven, Mrs. Robert Thomas; Mulberry, Charles B. Blanchard; Myers Park, Phil A. Davis, Edward F. Baesel, Richard A. Bigger, Jr., Alfred Canon; Newell, Mrs. W. W. Glenn; Norwood, R. B. Winchester; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Pageland, James Thomas; Paw Creek, Brooks Love, W. Brooks Tippett; Philadelphia, Harry Keziah, James A. McKay; Plaza; Sam C. Elliott, Helen W. Hill; Pleasant Hill, Virginia J. Winget; Providence, Dorothy Anne Hrabanek; Quail Hollow, John H. Bell, Jr.; Ramah, Thomas C. Brown; Ridgecrest, Alvin Ritchie; Robinson, Bryon Luna; St. Andrews, S. Bruce Wingate; St. Giles, Rex Hoffman, Quida Gregory; St, John, Marcus J. Estridge; Salem, Tom Moore; Sardis, Kent T. Paterson, Elmer Smith, E. C. York, Jr.; Seigle Avenue, Mrs. Edith M. Gardner; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Alton M. Faires; Sharon, Kenneth R. Beaty; Siler, Jerry D. Plyler; Smallwood, Bobbie Berry; South Tryon, Mrs. Ethel McNair; Steele Creek, B. F. Grubb, Price H. Gwynn, III; Stephenson, Tom Haywood; Sugaw Creek, Warren Hunter, Rufus M. Person, Jr.; Third, Philip L. Lambert, Mrs. Thomas McNair; Thomasboro, William B. Gayle; Turner, George Simpson; Walkersville, Donald McCain; Waxhaw, W. C. Massey; Westminster, W. A. McCorkle, Mildred McSpadden; Westover Hills, Mike Richey; Williams Memorial, W. T. McConnell.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Beulah, Lee Park, Clanton Memorial, Hawley Memorial, Rehobeth, Trinity, Unionville, Wadesboro First, New Salem.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Dottie Best, Sue Burton, Betsy Cooper, Ruth Farrior, Carlita Hunter, Suzette Kincer, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Ann Vickers.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Price H. Gwynn, III was elected Moderator by acclamation.

N. J. Owens, a member of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket for this meeting of Presbytery, which was adopted.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Eldon D. Wadsworth
   Memorial to Reverend Robert Turner—Warner L. Hall
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, Price H. Gwynn, III, Moderator-Nominee

4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings), David E. Wilkinson
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements by Host Pastor, Marcus B. Prince, III
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures
   2. Attendance
   3. Tellers
   4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Jr.
   (Budget and Finance Report, Lewis W. Bledsoe)
   (Stewardship Promotion Report, Harold McKeithen, Jr.)
   (Capital Funds Campaign, Lawrence I. Stell)
10. Report of Commission on the Minister, Zane M. Moore.
11. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly, Malcolm Lester
12. Report of Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee, J. W. Melton, Jr. (Special Order 11:45-12:15 P.M.)
    LUNCH 12:30-1:30 P.M.
13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.
    (First Order after Lunch)
    (Sermon by Candidate Robert James Garment)
14. Report of Personnel Committee, L. I. Stell
15. Report of First Union Administrative Commission, Glenn Robinson
    RECESS 3:00-3:15 P. M.
16. Commissions to be Appointed
17. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
18. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
19. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

A report from the Committee on Arrangements was made by the Host Pastor, Marcus B. Prince, III, and received as information.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bill and Overtures

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman
G. Carswell Hughs
Russell M. Kerr
Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
J. C. Barnhardt (Covenant)
Roy Beaty (Carmel)

Tellers

John A. Wilkerson, Chairman
W. D. Morton
William Gayle (Thomasboro)
William Hendrick (Monroe First)

Attendance

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Paul Horne
Frank Renfrow (Matthews)
Batte Hunter (Mallard Creek)

Resolutions

F. B. O'Shields, Jr.
N. J. Owens (Christ)

The Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Certificate of Dismissal for Charles Allen Norwood from Orange Presbytery, Minister-elect of St. Andrews Church.
2. Certificate of Dismissal of Candidate Robert James Garment from Presbytery of South Florida, UPCUSA Church, Minister-elect of the Westover Hills Church.
3. Communication from Quail Hollow Church was received as information.
4. The Minutes of Commissions to Ordain and Install Ministers were found in order, and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR WILBUR G. MAXWELL AS PASTOR OF THE PAGELAND AND SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 6, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman; Roger P. Melton, Glenn L. Hill. RULING ELDERS: Brice Gettys, Ray Yandle and Sammy Snipes.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Glenn L. Hill. Glenn L. Hill was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Roger P. Melton read the Scripture and Glenn L. Hill had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Roger P. Melton on the topic/text: "Do the Work of An Evangelist—Preach The Word"—II Timothy 4:2 and 5.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Pageland and

Salem Congregations, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Wilbur G. Maxwell had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Pageland and Salem Churches.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Glenn L. Hill.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Brice Gettys.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Brice Gettys.

Glenn L. Hill
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR LEROY P. GWALTNEY, III AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 20, 1976 at 10:45 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Chairman; Robert J. James, Henry S. Robinson, Paul M. Edris, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service. RULING ELDERS: R. J. Primm, James P. Sifford, Tom Yost,

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. Robert J. James was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Tom Yost read the Scripture and James P. Sifford had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Paul M. Edris on the topic, "The Real Thing, or, Accept No Substitutes."

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

Robert J. James propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. Robert J. James then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Associate Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Leroy P. Gwaltney, III had been regularly elected and installed as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by R. J. Primm.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Henry S. Robinson.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

Robert J. James
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR MARGARET BARNES PEERY AND ALBERT G. PEERY, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTORS OF MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on June 20, 1976 at 10:40 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. Randolph Taylor, Chairman, Horace E. Stoessel. RULING ELDERS: Mrs. Betty M. Schenck, Richard A. Vinroot, D. A. Barnes and Jorge Lara-Braud, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. Randolph Taylor. Horace E. Stoessel was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Jorge Lara-Braud read the Scripture and Richard A. Vinroot had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Jorge Lara-Braud on the topic, “Chosen For One Another”.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Ministers and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Myers Park Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Associate Ministers the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Margaret Barnes Peery and Albert G. Peery, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastors of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastors was delivered by Horace E. Stoessel.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Mrs. Betty M. Schenck.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastors pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by D. A. Barnes.

Horace E. Stoessel
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR RALPH E. DENNISON, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE CAMDEN AND MORVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1976 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Commission met on June 27, 1976 at 6:30 P.M. at the Camden Presbyterian Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Chairman; French B. O’Shields, Jr., James E. Ratchford, and David H. Burr, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service. RULING ELDERS: Tom Whitley, Floyd Dutton, Jr. and Herbert Hildreth.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by James E. Ratchford. Herbert Hildreth was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer, and Scripture reading. Floyd Dutton, Jr. read the Scripture and Tom Whitley had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by David H. Burr on the topic, "Surprised By God".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Camden and Morven Presbyterian Church congregations, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Ralph E. Dennison, Jr. had been regularly elected, Ordained and Installed as Pastor of the Camden and Morven Presbyterian Churches.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by French B. O'Shields, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by James E. Ratchford.

Following prayer and singing, the new pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by C. L. Cheshire, Jr.

Herbert Hildreth
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR JOHN A. HALEY AS PASTOR OF AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on Sunday, August 8, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Earle D. Roberts, Chairman; Lawrence I. Stell. RULING ELDERS: G. Douglas Aitken, Louis H. Meacham, John H. Roddey, Jr.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Earle D. Roberts. John H. Roddey, Jr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. John H. Roddey, Jr. read the Scripture and Louis H. Meacham had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Earle D. Roberts on the topic "Having This Ministry".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Avondale Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that John A. Haley had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Avondale Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Lawrence I. Stell.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by G. Douglas Aitken.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Lawrence I. Stell.

John H. Roddey, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR HARRY W. PHILIPS AS PASTOR OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Commission met on Sunday, September 12, 1976 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman; Lawrence I. Stell, and J. Davison Philips, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. RULING ELDERS: Mrs. M. Mason Barber, Jr., L. Hunter Pharr, and William A. White, Jr.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. Lawrence I. Stell was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. William A. White, Jr. read the Scripture and L. Hunter Pharr had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by J. Davison Philips on the topic/ text: "Ministry" based on Mark 10:35-45.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Westminster Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Harry W. Philips had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Westminster Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Mrs. M. Mason Barber, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Lawrence I. Stell.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Harry W. Philips.

Lawrence I. Stell
Secretary

William B. Ward made a statement to Presbytery concerning the Consultation on Evangelism, which is to be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on October 24, 1976. The statement was received as information.

Edward C. Wilson was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the November, 1976, meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting continued at 10:30 A.M.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr. The several parts of the report, including the recommendations, were adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Up to $150 was appropriated from Council's Contingency Fund to pay expenses of Seminary or General Mission Board personnel to meet with candidates and address Presbytery, and the Candidates Committee was encouraged to place this item in its budget.
2. Council directed its Chairman to write to the Chairman of the Coordinating Council of Synod and the Chairman of the General Assembly Mission Board to encourage the coordination and reduction of the number of special offerings.
3. Council directed its Chairman to write to the Chairman of the Coordinating Council of Synod with regard to moving the Materials Distribution Center from Raleigh to Atlanta.
4. Providence Acres, Inc. has exercised its option to re-purchase the 10-acre tract at Weddington and Matthews Roads in Mecklenburg County, and a recommendation follows.
5. Mr. Mark Snoddy, an architect and member of First Church, Charlotte, has completed a study of the space requirements for Presbytery offices Council will appoint a committee to make specific proposals for Presbytery offices.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Trustees be authorized and directed to convey the 10-acre tract at Weddington and Matthews Roads in Mecklenburg County, to Providence Acres, Inc. in accordance with the attached resolution.
2. That the expense of hosting Presbytery be removed from the Business Fund Budget, and that host churches shall charge $2.00 to each participant in Presbytery meetings, to defray costs of meals and refreshments, beginning in 1977.
3. That Presbytery hear the report of J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. on Stewardship Promotion.
4. That Presbytery hear the report of Lawrence I. Stell on the Capital Funds Campaign.
5. That the proposed Business Fund Budget, submitted herewith, be adopted for 1977.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY APPROVING SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES LOCATED IN PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, AT OR NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF WEDDINGTON ROAD AND STATE ROAD NO. 3439 (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS PLANTATION ROAD)

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery authorized the Council of Presbytery to negotiate the sale of approximately 10 acres in Providence Township at or near the intersection of Weddington Road and Plantation Road at a price to be determined after proper appraisal, with Council of Presbytery being further authorized to grant to Providence Acres, Inc., a right of first refusal with respect to the purchase of such land which had been deeded to Mecklenburg Presbytery from Providence Acres, Inc., several years ago; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the property was duly made and submitted to Presbytery by R. R. Rhyne, Sr., Realtor, and C. W. Todd, Realtor, stating that the fair market value of the net amount of the property in question is $22,500.00; such appraisal being dated May 3, 1976, and submitted to Council of Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of its previous relationship with Providence Acres, Inc., and the right of first refusal for repurchase which had been granted to Providence Acres, Inc., by Mecklenburg Presbytery, such right of first refusal giving the opportunity to Providence Acres, Inc., to purchase such property was communicated to officials of Providence Acres, Inc., after receiving such appraisal; and

WHEREAS, Providence Acres, Inc., has agreed to exercise its right of first refusal by purchasing the property in question for the appraised value of $22,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Presbytery at a meeting on September 9, 1976, approved the acceptance of this proposal and recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that the proposal be adopted; and

WHEREAS, at the regularly scheduled September 28, 1976 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, it was agreed unanimously that the offer of Providence Acres, Inc., to purchase the property in question for $22,500.00 should be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Mecklenburg Presbytery at its regular meeting of September 28, 1976, accepts the offer of Providence Acres, Inc., to purchase the above-described land being approximately 10 acres at the intersection of Weddington Road and Plantation Road for the sum of $22,500.00 in accordance with the right of first refusal of Providence Acres, Inc., with such sale to be closed within thirty days following this meeting of September 28, 1976; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery be authorized and empowered to prepare, execute and deliver to Providence Acres, Inc., in consideration of the sale price above referred to, a Deed containing special Trustees' warranties usually given by fiduciaries in place of a general warranty deed, and further that Mecklenburg Presbytery assume its pro rata portion of ad valorem property taxes for the year 1976; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery are directed to deliver the net proceeds of such sale to the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery immediately following the closing of the transaction for such further appropriate disposition of such proceeds as may be directed by Mecklenburg Presbytery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Presbytery takes note of the fact that no real estate salesman or broker is involved in this transaction so as to incur any expense for realtor's commissions.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1977
BUSINESS FUND BUDGET

	1976		1977	
ANTICIPATED INCOME				
From Churches	$105,922.	(1)	$109,078.	(2)
Yield from S. B. Alexander Fund	6,000.		5,742.	
	$111,922.		$114,820.	

NOTE: 1—(1976) Based on $3.06 per capita from 34,599 members

NOTE: 2—(1977) Based on $3.20 per capita from 34,087 members

	1976		1977	
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS				
I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	$ 32,869.	($ .95)	$ 33,405.	($ .98)
II. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA	$ 19,029.	($. 55)	$ 18,748.	($ .55)
III. MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY	$ 59,974.*	($1.56)	$ 62,667.*	($1.67)
(*) Includes Interest From Alexander Fund				
A. OFFICE OF GENERAL PRESBYTER				
1. General Presbyter				
Salary	$ 13,000.		$ 14,000.	
Housing	4,800.		4,800.	
Utilities	1,000.		1,000.	
Furnishings	500.		500.	
Automobile Expense	3,000.		3,000.	
Ministers' Annuity Fund	2,738.		2,868.	
Hospitalization	490.		625.	
Study Allowance	200.		200.	
Social Security (½)	592.		604.	
2. Administrative Assistant and Secretary				
Salary	$ 8,500.		$ 8,950.	
Social Security	497.		524.	
Hospitalization	185.		237.	
Annuity	1,020.		1,074.	
3. Treasurer				
Salary	$ 8,500.		$ 8,950.	
Social Security	497.		524.	
Hospitalization	185.		237.	
Annuity	1,020.		1,074.	
B. GENERAL PRESBYTERY EXPENSE				
Supplies and Postage	$ 4,500.		$ 5,700.	
Telephone	1,800.		1,800.	
Expense of Hosting Presbytery	1,000.		—	
Printing Minutes	3,700.		3,700.	
Parking	600.		650.	
Discretionary Fund	1,400.		1,400.	
Assistant Clerk	300.		250.	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$111,922.		$114,820.	

The report of the Commission on the Minister was made by the Chairman, Zane M. Moore. The report was adopted.

Since the May 25, 1976 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister met on July 16, 1976. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

From the Meeting of July 16, 1976:

1. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant The Reverend Mr. R. Zach Thomas, III permission to labor outside the Ecclesiastical bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery for one year as an employee of the Employment Security Commission or until he accepts a call to some definite work within the Church.
2. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant The Reverend Mr. Thomas A. Little, Jr. permission to labor outside the Ecclesiastical bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery as a Clinician Therapist with the Mecklenburg Mental Health Clinic through December 31, 1976.
3. The Commission recommends that Presbytery give The Reverend Dr. Neil M. McMillan permission to teach Bible at Queens College for the Fall and Spring Terms 1976-1977. The recommendation is made with the concurrence of the Session of the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.
4. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant permission for The Reverend Dr. W. Chester Keller to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery through February, 1977 as Associate Pastor of the First Church, Spartanburg, S. C. with the concurrence of Piedmont Presbytery.
5. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant the request of The Reverend Mr. Joe P. Arnold that he be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as a Clinical Chaplain at the Mental Health Center of Sumter, South Carolina for one year, beginning July 1, 1976, with the consent of the Presbytery of Harmony, and that he be encouraged to move his membership to that Presbytery.
6. The Commission recommends that, upon the request of the Stephenson Church Session, Presbytery approve The Reverend Dr. C. Franklin Jacks to serve as Stated Supply and appoint him as Moderator of the Church Session for six months through December 31, 1976.

Supplement

The Commission on the Minister met on Tuesday, September 21, 1976. Matters coming from this meeting which should be reported to Presbytery are set forth below:

1. The Terms of Call of the St. Andrews Church, Charlotte, to The Reverend Mr. Charles Allen Norwood were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him as Pastor. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$8,800.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Housing Allowance	2,640.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Major Medical & Group Life for Minister & Family	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
An Amount Equal to 3.95% of Social Security Self-Employment Tax	347.60
One Month Annual Vacation	
Two Weeks Study Leave	
Moving Expenses	

2. The Terms of Call of the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, to Mr. Robert James Garment were found in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands, subject to the successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to ordain and install him as Pastor. Terms of Call are:

Salary	$8,950.00
Auto Allowance	1,600.00
Utilities Allowance	780.00
Ministers' Annuity 12%	
Major Medical & Group Life for Minister & Family	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave	
One Month Annual Vacation	
Moving Expenses	
Manse Provided	

3. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant permission to The Reverend Mr. James S. Mann to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery as Stated Supply of the Pleasant View and Harper-Southerland Presbyterian Churches in Wilmington Presbytery for one year beginning September 1, 1976, with the consent of that Presbytery.

4. At his own request, the Commission recommends that Presbytery grant The Reverend Dr. Horace E. Stoessel permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery for one year, effective September 1976, as Minister-At-Large.

5. At his own request, and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission recommends that Presbytery dissolve the Associate Pastoral relationship of The Reverend Mr. A. Jackson Morrison with the Third Presbyterian Church, effective October 15, 1976, in order that he might accept the call to the Erwin and Sardis Presbyterian Churches in Fayetteville Presbytery, Synod of North Carolina, and that a letter of transfer of his membership be sent to that Presbytery.

6. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4, in accordance with the **Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery,** and at the request of the Session, the Commission appointed Dr. W. M. Boyce as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church and approved him as Interim Supply until a new minister has been called and installed.

7. Under the Provision of the BCO, 15-4, in accordance with the **Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery,** the Commission appointed The Reverend Mr. Thomas W. MacLean as Moderator of the Session of Third Presbyterian Church and approved him as Interim Supply through December 31, 1976.

8. Under the Provision of the BCO, 27-6, the Commission, in consultation with Robert James Garment, recommends that Dr. William B. Ward be appointed by Presbytery to serve as his advisor for two years.

9. The Commission recommends that Presbytery set the minimum Terms of Call to be effective January 1, 1977 as follows:

Salary	$9,400.00
Auto Allowance	1,500.00
Manse or Adequate Housing Allowance	
Utilities Costs or Reasonable Specified Allowance for such	
Full Ministers' Annuity—12%	
Life & Hospital Insurance for Minister & Family	
One Month Vacation	
Two Weeks Annual Study Leave Time—at a time agreed upon by the Minister and the Session	
Continuing Education Allowance	200.00
Moving Expenses	

Because of the absence of the Chairman, the Stated Clerk made the report of the Commissioners to the 1976 General Assembly. The report was received as information, and the following motion adopted:

"Presbytery expressed its sincere appreciation to its Commissioners to the 116th General Assembly for their diligence and devotion to the task which their election placed upon them, and that this word of appreciation and their names be recorded in the Minutes of Presbytery."

MINISTERS:	**ELDERS**	**CHURCHES**
Lewis W. Bledsoe	Malcolm Lester	Davidson College
John B. Rogers, Jr.	Mrs. Ray Waltman	Philadelphia
F. R. McAlister, Jr.	Burns W. Stuart	Forest Hill
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	Mrs. Robert Provence	Sardis
D. W. Oldenburg	W. D. Cotton	Albemarle First
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Harry E. Evans	Amay James
J. David Fletcher	Philip R. Hedrick	Westminster

Youth Delegate: Katherine R. Morton (Waxhaw)
Ethnic Minority Representative: Mrs. Barbara Hendricks (South Tryon)

The report of the Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training Committee was made by the Chairman, J. W. Melton, Jr., and included an address to Presbytery by Fred R. McAlister, Jr. on Joint Education and Development. Received as information.

The report of the International Missions Committee was presented by the Chairman, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., and received as information.

Immediately before taking recess for lunch, Lewis Bledsoe offered a prayer of thanks for the Noon meal, and prayer for Ministers and their families who are ill.

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after Lunch, Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman.

A sermon was delivered by Robert James Garment, Pastor-Elect of the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, as one of the requirements for ordination by Mecklenburg Presbytery. The sermon was sustained as satisfactory.

T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Minister Transfers, presented Charles A. Norwood, Pastor-elect of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, now of Orange Presbytery, for examination with a view toward reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Mr. Norwood. He made a statement concerning his Christian experience, and was examined as to his views on theology, the sacraments, and Church Government. Opportunity was given for questions to be asked from the floor. The examination was sustained in its several parts and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Norwood was placed in his hands and by him accepted. (See report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of this call). He was then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers.

Mr. Aiken presented Robert Andrew Cathey, a third year student at Davidson College and a member of Third Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, for examination with a view toward reception as a Candidate for the Ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mr. Cathey was examined on his Christian experience and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory, and the Court adopted a motion that he be admitted as a Candidate for the Ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A. J. Morrison, Associate Minister of Third Presbyterian Church, offered a prayer on behalf of Mr. Cathey, asking for God's blessings and guidance as he continues his preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and Mr. Aiken delivered a charge to Mr. Cathey.

Mr. Cathey then signed the Roll Book of Candidate for the Ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

A. J. McKelway, Jr. Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Pre-Ordination, presented Mr. Robert James Garment, Pastor-Elect of the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, for examination with a view toward ordination and reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery. He made a statement concerning his Christian experience, and was examined as to his knowledge of English Bible, theology, the Sacraments, and Church Government. The floor was opened for questions and the examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. Garment was placed in his hands and by him accepted. (See report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of this call).

The following Commissions were appointed:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL CHARLES ALLEN NORWOOD AS PASTOR OF ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

J. A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

D. W. Oldenburg, To preach the Sermon

R. O. Freeman, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Al Dimmock (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

RULING ELDERS:

Mrs. Lonnie Preston (St. Andrews), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

R. E. White (St. Andrews)

G. Douglas Aitken (Avondale)

C. Franklin Mansfield (Covenant)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL ROBERT JAMES GARMENT AS PASTOR OF WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions

Charles L. Kirby, To preach the Sermon

J. Craig Butler, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

RULING ELDERS:

Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

J. Dewey Dorsett, Jr., M.D. (Charlotte First)
Charles Rushing (Westover Hills)

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Chairman of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, presented the following report which was admitted to the record.

In the light of a recommendation adopted by Mecklenburg Presbytery at its meeting on May 25, 1976:

The Deployment/Sustentation Committee reports that it continues to give pastoral oversight to the Clanton Memorial Presbyterian Church. We had hoped to meet with the Session of this church so that we could bring to Mecklenburg Presbytery a report of its progress. Attempts were made to arrange for such a meeting, but the Session of the Clanton Memorial Church indicated that it could not meet during the latter part of September. However, through the Chairman and/or General Presbyter effort will be made to arrange for a meeting with the Session of the Clanton Memorial Church and the Deployment/Sustentation Committee. It is our hope to bring to Mecklenburg Presbytery an evaluation of that joint meeting on November 16, 1976.

Presbytery recessed at 3:30 P.M.

The meeting was resumed at 3:45 P.M.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, L. I. Stell. The report was adopted as amended.

In addition to the nominations which accompany this report, the Personnel Committee has two other recommendations.

First, we are informed that the Christian Education Committee, with a membership requirement of 9 Teaching Elders and 15 Lay members is rather unwieldy. After consultation with the retiring Chairman and the Associate in Christian Education on Presbytery's staff, this committee feels that reduction in size of that committee to 6 Teaching Elders and 9 Lay Members would make for a more efficient committee. To make such a change, this committee is prepared to propose a change in the **Manual of Presbytery.** This committee also feels that those now serving on the committee should complete their terms and as successive terms expire, Presbytery would elect the reduced number, which in three years would bring the committee to the new size.

The second recommendation has to do with the Evaluation and Review Committee. This committee now has two major functions which require different sorts of talents. First, there is the annual reading of the minutes of the Sessions of our churches. This is time consuming and in a way repetitious. The other and very important function is to evaluate the work of the churches through the record of the Sessions, and to recommend commendation, investigation of vague references, and identification and proposal of steps for correction of the practices which violate our Presbyterian faith and order. This Committee is where Presbytery either exercises its episcopal powers with the churches or fails to do so.

The Personnel Committee feels that rather than an enlargement of the membership of the committee, its functions would best be exercised by Presbytery appointing a sub-committee of the Evaluation and Review Committee, charged with reading the minutes of Sessions annually, and making report to the Evaluation and Review Committee of actions and programs to be praised, records which need further investigation and examination by the committee, and matters which seem to violate our Presbyterian faith and order. Such a sub-committee could be composed of some of the retired teaching elders whose knowledge and skills would be utilized. A recommended Manual change will be presented to Presbytery in this report.

RECOMMENDATION #1: We move that Presbytery amend its Manual, Chapter V, Section 5-1, (2)a. to read: "Membership: 6 Ministers—9 Lay Members."

Further, that Presbytery suspend its rules to allow the nomination of only 2 ministers and 3 lay members for this and the two subsequent years until the membership reaches the new level.

RECOMMENDATION #2: We move that Presbytery amend its Manual, Chapter V, Section 5-1, (1) by adding under a. the following: "Sub-committee of Records membership shall not be less than 6 ministers (usually these shall be from the retired ministers who are members of Presbytery)."

And under b. Functions, at the close of the present section, add: "SUB-COMMITTEE ON RECORDS: The Committee on Evaluation and Review may call upon the sub-committee to read the minutes of Sessions and report to the Committee any actions or programs recorded which are specially worthy of commendation, any records which suggest further information is called for, and any matters which are clearly in contravention of our Presbyterian faith and order."

TRUSTEES—Davidson College

1980—G. Don Davidson (Covenant) (3), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (2), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (2)

TRUSTEES—Mecklenburg Presbytery

1979—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Ministers	Elders
1979—William G. Katibah, Jr.	1979—John A. Tate, Jr. (Davidson College)
1979—Jeff T. Kesterson	1979—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)

DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

Ministers	**Elders**
1979—A. J. McKelway, Jr.	1979—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1979—Earle D. Roberts	1979—Mrs. John E. Butler (Amity)
1979—D. Scott Lindsay	1979—Reuben Tomberlin (Indian Trail)

2. Commission on the Minister
   Eldon Wadsworth to become Chairman

Ministers	**Elders**
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	1979—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1979—Roy W. Coker	1979—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)

Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training
   Fred C. Holder to become Chairman

Ministers	**Elders**
1979—Zane M. Moore	1979—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)

DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

Strengthening the Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Minister	**Lay Member**
1979—Russell M. Kerr	1979—Paul Bell (Trinity)

2. Christian Education
   Kenneth Craig to become Chairman

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1979—Wallace Johnson	1979—Robert C. Hinkle (Badin)
1979—Kenneth Woodard	1979—Mrs. Lane Vickery (Indian Trail)
	1979—Mrs. Morrison Irwin (St. Andrews)

Evangelizing the World

1. Institutional Ministries

Minister	**Lay Member**
1979—J. Craig Butler	1979—Mark Tinkham (Huntersville)

2. Research and Strategy
   Daniel Brooks (Carmel) to become Chairman

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1979—H. Louis Patrick	1979—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1979—Robert S. Hough	1979—M. E. Yandle (Steele Creek)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1979—James H. Sell, Jr.	1979—Jack Cathey (Third)
1979—William B. Ward	1979—Oscar W Faulk (Benton Heights)

4. Specialized Ministry
   Wayne R. Aughinbaugh to become Chairman

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1979—Neil C. Leach	1979—D. G. Martin (Seigle Avenue)
1979—J. David Fletcher	

5. International Missions

Minister	**Lay Member**
1979—George H. V. Hunter	1979—Glenn Cathey (Paw Creek)

DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

Administration Section

1. Personnel

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1979—Zane M. Moore	1979—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1979—J. David Fletcher	1979—Larry Baucom (Locust)

2. Court Meetings

Minister	**Lay Member**
1979—Marcus B. Prince, III	1979—Bobby Overcash (Calvary)

Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Minister	**Lay Member**
1979—Earl R. MacCormac	1979—J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road)

2. Worship
   Donald Stroud to become Chairman

Minister	**Lay Member**
1979—Robert O. Freeman	1979—Frank O. Roberts (Philadelphia)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representative on the Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.
1979—G. Carswell Hughs

First Union Administrative Commission
E. L. Daniel, Jr., to replace Robert Turner.

The report of the First Union Administrative Commission was presented by the Chairman, Glenn B. Robinson. The report was adopted.

FIRST REPORT TO PRESBYTERY
MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO BRING PEACE AND HARMONY TO FIRST UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I. **Actions of Presbytery—May 25, 1976.**

A. Mecklenburg Presbytery appointed an Administrative Commission to investigate and resolve difficulties which have arisen in the First Union Presbyterian Church (BCO 19-2).

B. Presbytery conferred upon said Commission all power of Presbytery required "to inquire into and settle such difficulties" (BCO 19-2, 16-7).

C. Presbytery appointed a Commission composed of nine persons:

1. Glenn B. Robinson, Chairman
2. Dr. W. M. Boyce
3. Dr. C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
4. Reverend A. Rudolph Hendricks
5. Reverend Robert Turner
6. Mrs. Buford C. Baucom
7. Mrs. Henry L. Harkey
8. Mr. Forney E. Michael
9. Mr. T. LaFontine Odom

D. In accordance with our understanding of the **Book of Church Order** Chapter 31 (19), the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was notified of this action and was invited to appoint a Committee to sit with the Administrative Commission of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Their representatives are: Reverend Lonnie L. Richardson, Mr. J. W. Lesslie and Mr. Henry Bigham.

II. Summary of Commission's Process

1. The commission is complying (BCO 118-2). "The Commission's minutes including its decisions on the matter shall be entered on the minutes of the Court at its next session. If no complaint has been filed, this shall be the action and judgment of the Court itself. The remainder of the record of the matter shall be preserved by the Stated Clerk of the Court."

   While there has been some discomfort with the Commission's actions by Minister, Session, and Congregation, there has been no formal complaint filed within the allotted ten days and the action and judgment of the Commission become the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

2. The Administrative Commission has met some eight times with its own membership and the representatives of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Commission and representatives of First Presbytery have met some six times with the Minister and Session of First Union Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Commission and representatives of First Presbytery have met once with the congregation of First Union Presbyterian Church. Members of the Commission have met numerous times with individuals and groups of individuals within the membership of the First Union Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Commission has provided a moderator for all session meetings, joint meetings of session and diaconate, and congregational meetings since May 25, 1976.

III. Findings of Administrative Commission

1. The Administrative Commission has heard and seen evidence of very good work by the Minister, the Session, and the Congregation. Mr. Cannon has provided an excellent pastoral ministry at First Union.

2. The Elders of the church take their committee assignments seriously.

3. There is a lack of consistent leadership within the Session.

4. The Session waivers in its position with various activities within the church, groups within the church, and charismatic movement within the church.

5. The Minister, Elders, and Congregation are vague in under-

standing of each other and in what the conflicts are within their fold.

6. The Constitution and By-Laws are in conflict with the BCO. (The Commission will delay correcting this matter)

7. The Minister and Ruling Elders are not clearly in subjection to the Brethren.

IV. **Commission's action in reference to Session**

1. Present status of sessional relationship of Pastor to continue i.e. The Session will act only on reception or dismissal of members, or related matters with pastor as moderator. All other business conducted by the Session will be done at times when a designated member of the Administrative Commission serves as moderator. One of the lay commission members will be invited by the moderator to attend the session meetings. (BCO 19-2)

2. All active elders will be required, individually, to re-affirm their ordination vows as the vows are stated BCO 29-3 (1-7). (This action will be done—1. Verbally before other session members, 2. By signature to a list of the vows—this record will then be filed with the commission, 3. This action will be the first order of business of the next session meeting.) Any elder unwilling or unable to so affirm will be asked to remove himself from the session. Further, any elder who subsequently refuses to comply will be summarily removed from the session for "the welfare of the church". BCO 16-7 (5)

3. The session members will refrain from instigating or continuing conversations regarding the controversy in First Union Presbyterian Church with anyone other than the Administrative Commission except in prearranged efforts at reconciliation agreeable to the Commission.

4. The session will exercise an oversight and control of all individual members of the church, classes, prayer groups, choirs, and all other groups having an affiliation with the church. Any groups refusing to be under the supervision and control of the session will have their relationship to the church terminated. BCO 15-6 (1-16)

5. The church session is charged with maintaining the spiritual government of the church. The Administrative Commission expects the session and individual elders to continue this function, so far as it is not in conflict with the other directives of this entire report.

6. The session will be on probation and the Administrative Commission will continue its oversight of the session. The commission will provide a moderator for all of its meetings except those to receive and dismiss members. BCO 104-2

V. **Commission's action in reference to Minister**

1. The Reverend James Cannon will continue as pastor of First Union Presbyterian Church while he actively seeks a call elsewhere. The Administrative Commission working with both Mecklenburg and First Presbytery will assist Mr. Cannon in seeking a satisfactory call to another placement. The commission will expect Mr. Cannon to accept a reasonable call and for the First Union Congregation to concur.

2. Any act of contumacy or disregard for the guidelines set forth by the commission will be grounds for immediate dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Mr. Cannon and the First

Union Presbyterian Church. The commission expects the co-operation of Mr. Cannon, session and the congregation.

3. The pastor will refrain from instigating or continuing conversations regarding the controversy in First Union Presbyterian Church with anyone other than the Administrative Commission except in prearranged efforts at reconciliation agreeable to the commission.

4. The pastor will refrain from preaching sermons or making statements in sermons which are directed at the controversy in the church.

5. The pastor will continue to provide the pastoral duties to the best of his ability when these duties do not conflict with the above directives.

VI. **Effective Date—BCO 118-3**

1. The directives of this Administrative Commission will take effect on July 19, 1976.
2. This report has been filed this day, July 19, 1976 with the STATED CLERK of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

VII. **Current**

A. The commission is pleased to report to Presbytery that the Minister, Elders, and Members of First Union Presbyterian Church have cooperated with the commission. Restlessness continues within the church, yet the officers are to be commended for their faithfulness and commitment at this time. One would want to note that the officers are working exceedingly hard to meet their benevolent obligations to both Presbyteries. There seems to be a desire for peace and harmony.

B. The Administrative Commission will remain active until another minister is installed at First Union and the tension has lessened.

C. The Administrative Commission with sadness reports to Presbytery the loss of one of its members, the Reverend Robert Turner. We seek Presbytery's guidance in the commission's membership.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by N. J. Owens, and the report was adopted.

"Those of us commissioned to be participants in the 19th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery wish to use this resolution as a means to express our sincere appreciation:

—To our Lord who has originally commissioned us and enables us to be His body in the world in the power of His Spirit.

—To our Retiring Moderator, the Reverend Eldon D. Wadsworth, and our presiding Moderator, Mr. Price H. Gwynn, III for their able leadership and guidance.

—To our General Presbyter, the Reverend Robert James, and the staff of Presbytery for their labor prior to and during Presbytery which has made our work easier and more effective.

—To the Pastor, the Reverend Marcus B. Prince, III, the Session, Diaconate and members of Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church for inviting us to use their beautiful and adequate facilities for our meeting and for the warm and hospitable way in which they have anticipated and met our needs during our meeting.

We respectfully recommend that this resolution be adopted by Presbytery, that a copy of it be sent to the Quail Hollow Church with the request that it be read to the congregation not only as an expression of our gratitude, but also as an expression of our gratitude to God for the work of His Kingdom which He is doing in and through the body of believers at Quail Hollow and as an expression of Christian affection from the body of believers of Mecklenburg Presbytery."

The Attendance Committee report was made by Paul A. Horne. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The members of Presbytery stood, and the Moderator led the Court in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The Court stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on November 16, 1976, at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twentieth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 16, 1976

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Moderator, Price H. Gwynn, III, called the meeting to order. The Opening Worship Service was conducted by Emanuel E. Washington. The service included an address by the Moderator, "A Message From Mammon", based on Matthew 6:24-29, and Romans 12:2-9.

A quorum was declared present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Harry H. Bryan, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, James A. Cannon, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., James David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, Robert J. Garment, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, L. P. Gwaltney, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Frank S. Jones, G. Wallace Johnson, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby,W. L. Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, D. Scott Lindsay, John A. Luddy, Jr., J. Wendell Ligon, T. W. MacLean, Earl R. MacCormac, John R. MacKinnon, Robert S. Maclin, III, W. G. Maxwell, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Roger P. Melton, Robert L. Morgan, Zane M. Moore, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, T. J. Nash, III, C. A. Norwood, French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. R. Otey, III, H. Louis Patrick, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret Barnes Peery, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, M. B. Prince, Jr., Carl R. Pritchett, J E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., Lawrence I. Stell, Donald E. Stroud, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Sr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., David

E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Jack R. Crawford, G. Eliot Dixon, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, Neil C. Leach, J. Harold McKeithen, Julius W. Melton, Douglas W. Oldenburg, Harry W. Philips, H. Howard Smith, J. E. Smylie, J. R. Taylor, John A. Wilkerson, Jr.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Neely McCarter, A. J. McKelway, Jr., R. Zach Thomas, III, T. A. Little, H. E. Stoessel.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, First, Joe F. Russell, Paul Frye; Albemarle Road, Stough Garrison; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, Mrs. John E. Butler; Avondale, R. K. Miller; Badin, J. W. Kluttz; W. H. Belk, Mrs. Hester Shytle; Benton Heights, Earl Williams; Bethel, Junius Washam; Bethlehem, F. D. Helms; Caldwell Memorial, R. V. Mason; Calvary, Miss Doris Brown; Camden, Charlie Moore; Carmel, Roy Beaty; Central Steele Creek, Banks Choate; Charlotte, First, James P. Alexander, Carl Horn, Jr., Roswell Mallory; Christ, George P. Stowe; Clanton Memorial, Norman Furr; Cook's Memorial, Richard F. Rozzelle; Cornelius, J. E Conard; Covenant, Jake C. Barnhardt, Kenneth P. Forester, Jr., John D. Hicks, Joseph W. Thompson; Davidson College, Marjorie McCutchan; East, Richard Gardner; First Union, F. H. Lemonds, Jr.; Forest Hill, Thomas H. Carmichael, Olson Huff; Hickory Grove, Bill McCoy; Hopewell, W. Brevard Kidd, J. Harley Sherrill: Huntersville, R. J. Ashmore; Indian Hill, J. W. Morgan; Indian Trail, Bruce E. Stinson; Johnston Memorial, G. R. Dyer; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, Joe Wilson; Mathews, R. C. Hunt, Sr.; Marshville, Mrs. M. R. Gibson; McGee, J. Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay, W H. Henderson; Memorial, John E. Ragan, Jr.; Monroe, First, W. E. Damon; Mulberry, Henry C. Rhyne; Myers Park, Alfred Canon, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, B. B. Prophet; Norwood, First, Thomas Upchurch; Oakboro, Mrs. Linda Champion; Pageland, Sammy Snipes; Paw Creek, Robert L. Killian, R. Brooks Love; Philadelphia, W. Mack Long, John M McEwen; Plaza, Mrs. T. W. Stinson, Jr.; Pleasant Hill, Jack C. Caldwell; Providence, Reid Grier; Quail Hollow, Charles Crumbley; Ramah, Harry Washam, Robinson, B. W. Faires, St. Andrews, Sinclair M. Cathey; St. Giles, Bill Cuthbertson, Mrs. Quida Gregory; St. John, Mrs. Stewart E. Odham; Sardis, Hazel L. Craig, Elmer Smith, J Mason Wallace, Jr., E. B. Watson; Seigle Avenue, David G. Martin, Jr.; Selwyn Avenue, A. C. Thies, D. G. Kimbrell; Siler, Pat Keels; Smallwood, Mary B. Luckey; South Tryon, Mrs. Hazeline Williams; Steele Creek, R. S. Bigham, Jr., Price H. Gwynn, III; Stephenson, Guy D Privette; Sugaw Creek, R. M. Person, Jr.; Third, Jack C. Cathey, Charles Armstrong; Thomasboro, W. S. McClure; Wadesboro, First, Margaret Keith; Walkersville, Mitchell Tyson; Waxhaw, C. J. Stikeleather, Sr.; Westminster, Mrs. Mildred McSpadden, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, Bernard Beaty; Williams Memorial, T. C. Chapman.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Morven, Turner.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, Banks, Beulah, Lee Park, Hawley Memorial, New Salem, Rehobeth, Ridgecrest, Sharon, Trinity, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Sue Burton, Ruth Farrior, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund, Ann Vickers.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a Meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Edward C. Wilson, was elected by acclamation.

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Price H. Gwynn, III
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator—Edward C. Wilson, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee)
   David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements, Russell M. Kerr
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures
   2. Attendance
   3. Tellers
   4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess).
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Chairman
   (Report of Budget and Finance Committee, Lewis W. Bledsoe)
10. Report of Commission on the Minister, Zane M. Moore, Chairman
11. Report of Division of Court Operations
    1. Personnel Committee—L. I. Stell
       (Amendment to Manual—SECOND READING)
    2. Court Meetings Committee—David E. Wilkinson
    3. Interpretations Committee—Frank H. Caldwell
    4. Worship Committee—J. David Fletcher
12. Don Campbell, Division of Professional Development—GMB
    SPECIAL ORDER 11:30 A.M.

12A Report of International Missions, Finley M. Grissett
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.

13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff Aiken, Chairman (First Order after Lunch)

13A Report of Specialized Ministries Committee, W.B. Ward

13B Announcement of upcoming Charlotte Conference on Witness & Mission, R. E. Burnett

14. Report of Evaluation and Review, Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman
15. Report of First Union Administrative Commission, Glenn Robinson, Chairman
16. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Chairman
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
17. Report of Capital Funds Campaign, L. I. Stell, Chairman
18. Commissions to be appointed
19. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
20. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
21. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Russell M. Kerr, the Host Pastor, presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements, and extended a cordial greeting to those attending this meeting.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek), Chairman
B. B. Prophet (Newell)
Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
Fred C. Holder
Jeff T. Kesterson
Russell M. Kerr

Attendance

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Robert S. Maclin, III
Pat Keels (Siler)
Roy Beaty (Carmel)

Resolutions

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
French B. O'Shields, Jr.
Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)
Stough Garrison (Albemarle Road)

Tellers

A. Rudolph Hendricks, Chairman
James H. Sell, Jr.
Dale McLaughlin (Mallard Creek)
R. C. Hunt (Matthews)

Minutes of Commission to Ordain and/or Install Ministers were admitted to record.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR CHARLES A. NORWOOD AS PASTOR OF ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on October 3, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: J. A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman, D. W. Oldenburg, Robert O. Freeman and Albert E. Dimmock, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service. RULING ELDERS: G. Douglas Aitken, Mrs. Mary Harriet Preston, C. Franklin Mansfield, and Ronald E. White.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by J. A. Wilkerson, Jr. C. Franklin Mansfield was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. D. W. Oldenburg read the Scripture and Albert E. Dimmock had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by D. W. Oldenburg on the topic/text: "The Community of Faith" Romans 15:1-7.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the St. Andrews Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Charles A. Norwood had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Mrs. Mary Harriet Preston.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Robert O. Freeman.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its minutes and was adjourned with prayer by G. Douglas Aitken.

C. Franklin Mansfield
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT JAMES GARMENT AS PASTOR OF WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on October 9, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman; Charles L. Kirby and J. Craig Butler. RULING ELDERS: Charles H. Rushing, Forney E. Michael and J. Dewey Dorsett, M.D.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Charles L. Kirby. J. Craig Butler was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. J. Craig Butler read the Scripture and Robert W. Rayburn had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Charles L. Kirby on the topic/text: "Goals For the Church"—Ephesians 4:1-16.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Westover Hills Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Robert James Garment had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Pastor of the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by J. Craig Butler.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Forney E. Michael.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Forney E. Michael.

J. Craig Butler
Secretary

Austin C. Thies, a Ruling Elder in the Selwyn Avenue

Presbyterian Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the February 1977 Meeting of Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 10:15 A.M.

Presbytery reconvened at 10:30 A.M.

Presbytery adopted a motion that the address of the Retiring Moderator, Price H. Gwynn, III, be printed in the March, 1977 issue of **The Mecklenburg Presbyterian.**

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr.

The report, together with its recommendations, which includes the 1977 Benevolence Budget, was adopted as a whole.

The following actions have been taken by Council:

1. At the October meeting of Council, the Chairman of Synod's Coordinating Council, the Chairman of Synod's Budget Committee, and Synod's Executive Secretary met with Council and exchanged thoughts on stewardship and budgeting within the Synod.

   NOTE: March 10 and 11 are the dates set by the General Assembly for Presbyteries and Synods to make acceptances for the 1978 budget. Because the date is so early, some changes may be required in our budgeting process.

2. Appointed an ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations for the space requirements of Presbytery's Office. The members are as follows:

   Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek), Chairman
   Richard Baker (Paw Creek)
   Reed Boyd (Myers Park)
   C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
   Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
   J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
   Charles Norwood (Monroe First)
   Richard P. Shaw
   T. W. Tucker

   Ex-Officio:

   R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Chairman of Council)
   Robert J. James (General Presbyter)

3. Held a Planning Retreat at Queens College on November 5-6, which was well attended by Council members, Committee Chairmen, and members of the Deployment and Sustentation and Research and Strategy Committees. It is hoped that from this meeting will come better organization of Presbytery's Committees and Council, as well as specific goals and reporting for 1977.

4. Inquiry is being made of the General Assembly Mission Board to determine if funds are available to local churches from the Church and Manse Loan Fund of the General Assembly.

5. The General Presbyter has been authorized to expend approximately $1,200 to purchase dictating and transcribing equipment for Presbytery's Office. This sum to be paid from Council's Contingency Fund.

6. A Committee, composed of the Research and Strategy Committee, Robert J. James, and Ran Norton, plus a real estate advisor to be appointed, has been authorized and directed to negotiate a contract to purchase approximately ten acres of land near Highway 51 and Rea Road/Elm Lane in Mecklenburg County as soon as practicable. Of course, any such contract thus obtained is subject to the approval of Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery request all churches in Presbytery who provide funding to the Seigle Avenue Church Ministry and Hot Lunch Program to remit their funds through the Central Treasurer of Presbytery.
2. That Presbytery request the Research and Strategy Committee with the Deployment and Sustentation and Specialized Ministry Committees to study ministries deriving funds from more than one Presbytery Committee with an effort to consolidating programs, funding, staffing, etc.
3. That Presbytery hear the report of Lewis W. Bledsoe, and that the proposed Benevolence Budget, submitted herewith, be adopted for 1977.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
BENEVOLENCE BUDGET
1977

ANTICIPATED INCOME

From Churches		$915,690.00
From Interest on Restricted Funds		
(1) Chas. Boyd Estate (For Deployment and Sustentation)	$ 3,000.00	
(2) Camp Stewart Fund (For Christian Education)	4,800.00	
(3) Samuel P. Alexander Fund (For Pre-Ordination and Examinations)	400.00	8,200.00
		$923,890.00

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS

General Assembly	(41.1%)	$380,000.00
Synod of North Carolina	(31.4%)	290,000.00
Mecklenburg Presbytery	(27.5%)	253,890.00
		$923,890.00

PROPOSED PRESBYTERY DISBURSEMENTS

I. COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER			$ 3,500.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 1,500.00	
B. Discretionary Fund		2,000.00	
II. PRESBYTERY COUNCIL			$ 27,400.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 500.00	
B. Contingency Fund (Resource for all Committees)		15,000.00	
C. Insurance		1,400.00	
D. Taxes		2,000.00	
E. Stewardship Promotion		500.00	
F. Mecklenburg Presbyterian		8,000.00	
III. COURT MEETINGS			$ 275.00
A. Taping Meetings		$ 200.00	
B. Upkeep of Equipment and Supplies		75.00	
IV. DEPLOYMENT AND SUSTENTATION			$103,550.00*
A. Sustentation to Churches		$77,550.00	
B. Extension Work		25,000.00	
Indian Trail (Grant)	$ 5,000.00		
Quail Hollow (Loan)	10,000.00		
Carmel (Loan)	10,000.00		
C. Contingency Fund		1,000.00	

(*) Income from Chas. H. Boyd Estate to be applied against total)

V. INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES			$ 24,192.77
A. Hospital Chaplain		$ 7,446.09	
B. Hospital Secretary		3,464.36	
C. Hospital Visitors		4,883.91	
D. Campus Worker		5,468.41	
C. Christian Fellowship for Nurses		330.00	
F. Prison Ministry		1,200.00	
G. ECO		600.00	
H. Supplies and Materials		800.00	
VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			$ 33,296.80*
A. Associate Presbyter for Chr. Ed.		$17,296.80	
Salary	$ 9,500.00		
Auto Allowance	1,500.00		
Housing and Utilities	2,900.00		
Annuity	1,668.00		
Continuing Education	200.00		
Hospitalization	624.80		
F.I.C.A.	604.00		
Contingency Fund	300.00		
B. Program			
(1) **Leadership**		$ 5,500.00	
Children's Work	$ 600.00		
Youth Advisory	1,800.00		
Adult Work	600.00		
Laboratory Schools	2,000.00		
Inter-generational	250.00		
Recruitment	250.00		
(2) **Camping and Guidance**		$ 7,200.00	
Camping	$ 7,000.00		
Guidance	200.00		
(3) **Resourcing**		$ 3,300.00	
Curriculum Build (S.A.)	$ 1,500.00		
D. Day	300.00		
A.V. Preview Day	600.00		
M.O.C. & W.O.C.	100.00		
Resource Center	300.00		
Communication Network	500.00		

(*) Income from Camp Stewart Fund to be applied against total.)

VII. PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS			$ 14,650.00*
A. Operating Expense		$ 550.00	
B. Testing—Guidance Center		500.00	
C. Grants-in-aid		13,500.00	
D. Annual Christmas Dinner—Candidates		100.00	

(*) Income from Samuel P. Alexander Fund to be applied against total.)

VIII. PRE-ORDINATION AND IN SERVICE TRAINING			$ 400.00
A. Workshops in Church Officer Development		$ 400.00	
IX. SPECIALIZED MINISTRY			$ 26,700.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 100.00	
B. Evangelism		1,000.00	
C. Day Care Centers		12,000.00	
Monroe	$ 2,000.00		
South Tryon	3,000.00		
Double Oaks	7,000.00		
D. Alexander Children's Center		$ 2,000.00	
E. School of the Arts—First Presbyterian		500.00	
F. Seigle Avenue Hot Meals		6,100.00	
G. Special Projects		1,000.00	
H. Dilworth Community Ministry		500.00	
I. Crisis Assistance Center		3,500.00	

X. RESEARCH AND STRATEGY		$ 4,400.00
A. Operating Expense	$ 200.00	
B. Follow Up of Earhart Study	3,000.00	
C. Consultations & Workshops	1,200.00	
XI. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS		$ 1,500.00
A. Operating Expenses	$ 150.00	
B. Montreat Conference for Chairman	150.00	
C. Montreat Conference for Youth	600.00	
D. Promotion of Workshops & Projects	500.00	
E. Attend Conference with Division of International Missions and GMB	100.00	
XII. TASK FORCE ON HUNGER		$ 1,325.00
A. Operating Expense	$ 200.00	
B. Legislative Committee	125.00	
C. Education Committee	500.00	
D. Local and Overseas Projects	500.00	
XIII. TASK FORCE ON COUNSELING		$ 12,000.00
A. Presbyterian Family Life Center	$ 9,000.00	
B. Others on Referral	3,000.00	
XIV. WORSHIP COMMITTEE		$ 600.00
A. Operating Expense	$ 40.00	
B. Montreat Conference	360.00	
C. Presbytery Workshops	200.00	
XV. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE		$ 100.00
A. Committee Expenses	$ 100.00	
TOTAL (Mecklenburg Presbytery)		$253,889.57

The report of the Commission on the Minister was made by Zane M. Moore, the Chairman. The report was adopted as amended.

Since the September 28, 1976 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission on the Minister met on October 19, 1976 and November 9, 1976. Matters coming from these meetings which should be reported to the Presbytery are set forth below:

From the Meeting of October 19, 1976:

1. The Commission would report that at its September 24-26, 1976 meeting, the Division of Court Partnership Services, General Assembly Mission Board, on the recommendation of the Advisory Council on the Certification of Education Personnel, approved the certification as Directors of Christian Education the following:

   Elizabeth B. Cooper—Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte
   Julia S. Oliver, Myers Park Presbyterian Church Kindergarten, Charlotte
   Dorothy Best, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte
   Suzette Kincer, Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson

   The Commission recommends that these Educators be presented to Presbytery and that The Reverend Mr. Fred McAlister, Jr., Associate Presbyter, be permitted to explain the significance of their achievement to Presbytery.

From the Meeting of November 9, 1976:

1. The Commission recommends that, upon the request of the Stephenson Church Session, Presbytery approve The Reverend Dr. C. Franklin Jacks to serve as Stated Supply and appoint him as

Moderator of the Church Session for one year beginning January 1,1977.

2. The Commission recommends that Presbytery grant The Reverend Mr. Robert O. Freeman permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery, with the concurrence of Concord Presbytery, as Stated Supply of the Harrisburg Presbyterian Church, from November 15, 1976 through June 15, 1977.

3. The Commission recommends that, upon the request of the Indian Hill Church Session, Presbytery approve the Reverend Dr. Q. N. Huneycutt to serve as Stated Supply and appoint him as Moderator of the Church Session for one year beginning January 1, 1977.

Charles E. S. Kraemer made an announcement concerning Continuing Education Courses to be offered at Davidson College in the Spring of 1977 for Ministers in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, L. I. Stell, and adopted.

RECOMMENDATION: SECOND READING

1. THAT Presbytery amend its Manual, Chapter V, Section 5-1, (2)a. to read: "Membership: 6 Ministers—9 Lay Members."

   Further, that Presbytery suspend its rules to allow the nomination of only 2 Ministers and 3 Lay Members for this and the two subsequent years until the membership reaches the new level.

2. **RECOMMENDATION: SECOND READING**

   THAT Presbytery amend it Manual, Chapter V, Section 5-1, (1) by adding under a. the following: "Sub-committee of Records membership shall not be less than 6 Ministers (usually these shall be from the retired Ministers who are members of Presbytery)"

   And under b. Functions, at the close of the present section, add: "SUB-COMMITTEE ON RECORDS: The Committee on Evaluation and Review may call upon the sub-committee to read the minutes of Sessions and report to the Committee any actions or programs recorded which are specially worthy of commendation, any records which suggest further information is called for, and any matters which are clearly in contravention of our Presbyterian faith and order."

A request from the Court Meetings Committee was presented by David E. Wilkinson, Chairman. Mr. Wilkinson asked for suggestions, recommendations, or proposals for changes in the Presbytery Format. These are to be considered at the January Meeting of the Court Meetings Committee.

The report of the Committee on Interpretation was made by the Chairman, Frank H. Caldwell, and the recommendation adopted.

In view of the number of amendments to be considered, and of the far-reaching importance of some of them, the Committee on Interpretation recommends that Presbytery authorize a Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, January 25, 1977 at Queens College, Charlotte, for the purpose of voting on the Amendments adopted by the 116th General Assembly and sent to the Presbyteries for advice and consent.

The report of the Worship Committee was presented by J. David Fletcher, the Chairman, and received as information.

William B. Ward, Chairman of the Specialized Ministry Committee, presented Olson H. Huff, M.D., a Ruling Elder in the Forest Hill Church, who made a statement concerning weekend care for the mentally retarded in private homes. Forest Hill Church is participating in this program, and Dr. Huff urged that other churches look into the possibility of becoming involved in this work.

Robert E. Burnett made an announcement concerning the Charlotte Conference on Witness and Mission to be held January 29 through February 2, 1977.

The report of the First Union Administrative Commission was presented by the Chairman, Glenn B. Robinson, and received as information.

Charles C. Cowsert, Executive Secretary-Elect of the Board of Annuities and Relief, made a statement concerning the Joy Gift Offering to be received during the Christmas Season, and urged the churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery to contribute generously to this cause.

A report of the Mecklenburg-Haiti Development Fund Campaign was made by the Campaign Director, L. I. Stell, and received as information.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:15 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after Lunch, the Court moved to the consideration of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. The Chairman, Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. presented Donald K. Campbell, of the Division of Professional Development, who made a very informative and helpful statement to Presbytery concerning care of Candidates for the Ministry and transfer of Ministers. The statement was received as information.

The following recommendation of this Committee was adopted.

That a copy of the action of Presbytery on September 24, 1974, at the 11th Stated Meeting, regarding candidates, be distributed to all current Ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and that this information be made a part of the packet of materials presented to each Minister entering the Presbytery.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by the Chairman, Robert W. Rayburn. The report was adopted as amended.

At this time, there are still a few churches that have not submitted their 1975 Sessional Minutes to the Evaluation and Review Committee for examination. There are also some churches that have not submitted minutes for 1974 either. Those churches are:

1974

Amay James
Hawley Memorial
Rehobeth
Seigle Avenue
Unionville

1975

Amay James
Beulah
Hawley Memorial
Rehobeth
Seigle Avenue
Thomasboro
Unionville

These churches are urged to send their 1974 and 1975 Sessional Minutes for examination immediately. You may mail them to:

Rev. Robert W. Rayburn
2461 Arty Avenue
Charlotte, N. C. 28208

We recommend that the Sessional Records of the remaining 81 Churches (including the three listed below) be approved for 1975 with the following exceptions for the reasons noted:

1. Records of St. Giles Church. As noted with the Minister and Session of the St. Giles Church, their involvement with the practice of immersion in ten instances in 1975, according to the Sessional Records.

2. Records of the Smallwood Church. The failure to present the record for more than just one Session Meeting in 1975 although regular Session meetings were held.

3. Records of the Locust Church. No minutes were submitted in 1975, due to the fact that the Locust Church was under the guidance of an Administrative Commission of Presbytery most of the year, 1975, and those minutes are included in the records of Presbytery.

NOTE TO ALL MINISTERS AND CLERKS OF SESSION:

You are requested to submit only the duplicate copies of your Sessional Minutes for the given year.

SUPPLEMENT

1. We recommend that Mecklenburg Presbytery call to the attention of all its Ministers and Sessions the teachings of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. XXX on "Baptism", Par. 3 and 7, which makes it clear that baptism is to be administered but once; that "dipping" of the person into the water is not necessary, but baptism is rightly to be administered by pouring or sprinkling water upon the person; and that Presbytery be referred to the most recent interpretation of these matters in the 1975 General Assembly Minutes (115th Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina), pages 55, 129 and 133.

2. In accordance with **Presbytery's Manual**, that all Sessions be requested to mail or bring duplicate copies of their 1976 Sessional Minutes to Presbytery's Office for review and evaluation by January 10, 1977.

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3. That most churches presenting Sessional records be commended on the high level of efficiency, competence, and care with which the Sessional records are being kept.

The following motion was adopted:

Mecklenburg Presbytery asks the Commission on the Minister to study the issue raised by the Evaluation and Review Committee with regard to the practice of rebaptism in the St. Giles Church.

The meeting was recessed at 3:30 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was made by the Chairman, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., and adopted.

At the meeting of the Deployment/Sustentation Committee on September 29, 1976, a request by the Siler Presbyterian Church through its representative was made as follows: that the Deployment/Sustentation Committee request that Mecklenburg Presbytery grant approval at its meeting on November 16, 1976 for the endorsement of the request of the Siler Presbyterian Church's application for a loan of $20,000.00 from the Synod of North Carolina funds for building a manse for their church. This request was granted by the Deployment/Sustentation Committee and the following recommendation is presented for adoption:

> "That, the Deployment/Sustentation Committee asks that Mecklenburg Presbytery grant its endorsement of the request of the Siler Presbyterian Church's application for a loan of $20,000.00 from the North Carolina Synod funds for building a manse for their church."

Members of the Deployment/Sustentation Committee, Research/Strategy Committee, Commission on the Minister met with the Session of the Clanton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 1976, at the request of the Deployment/Sustentation Committee, in keeping with its commitment made to Mecklenburg Presbytery on May 25, 1976, relative to its continuance ". . . to consult with Clanton Session as they seek to strengthen and reestablish program and mission . . .". After consulting with the Clanton Session it was felt, by those present and the Deployment/Sustentation Committee as a whole, that the following recommendation be made:

That Mecklenburg Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission with the responsibility and authority to effect a solution relative to the Clanton Memorial Church situation by taking any of the following steps:

(a. Lead the members of Clanton Memorial Church toward a viable church which serves the community in which it is situated;

(b. Lead the members of Clanton Memorial Church into union with another church of Mecklenburg Presbytery;

(c. Lead the members of Clanton Memorial Church to transfer their respective memberships to other congregations of their choosing;

(d. Dissolve the congregation of the Clanton Memorial Church and recommend to Mecklenburg Presbytery how it may best utilize the Clanton Memorial Church properties and other assets.

Presbytery appointed the following to an Administrative Commission for the Clanton Memorial Church:

William B. Ward, Chairman
Russell M. Kerr
David E. Wilkinson
Kenneth Woodard
James A. Barrus (Sardis)
Richard A. Vinroot (Myers Park)
G. Douglas Aitken (Avondale)
Mrs. Frank H. Caldwell (Covenant)
Mrs. Ed Kornegay (Charlotte First)

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard, and is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made by the Chairman, David E. Wilkinson, and admitted to record.

We express our deep appreciation to Almighty God for His leading us to meet today in the beautiful, worshipful Sanctuary of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

We praise God and congratulate the pastor and the congregation on the completion of their fine church edifice.

We thoroughly enjoyed the bountiful and delicious lunch prepared for us.

We thank Mr. Price H. Gwynn, III, for his carefully prepared and thought provoking message.

We were pleased to hear Don Campbell of the Division of Professional Development, General Mission Board.

And to our Moderator, Edward C. Wilson, we extend a hearty "well done!".

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The Court stood and joined in the singing of the Apostolic Benediction. Presbytery stood adjourned to meet at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina on February 22, 1977 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
April, 1961	Camp Stewart	Elder Thomas C. Ruff
July, 1961	Trinity Church	Rev. Stuart Ritchie
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb. 1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May 1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev James E. Ratchford
Sept. 1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov. 1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig
Feb. 1976	Sardis Church	Rev. Glenn B. Robinson
May 1976	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Eldon D. Wadsworth
Sept. 1976	Quail Hollow Church	Price H. Gwynn, III
Nov. 1976	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Edward C. Wilson

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Charlotte, North Carolina
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Charlotte, North Carolina
May 24, 1977

DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1977

Officers of The Presbytery:

Austin C. Thies, Moderator of February Meeting, 2429 Red Fox Trail, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Moderator of May Meeting, 1029 Sewickley Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Robert J. James, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Associate Presbyter for Christian Education, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Miss Beatrice Kiser, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1979—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

1980—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (3), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (2), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (2)

Presbytery:

Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant), Chairman, 2242 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

1977—

1978—David Berryhill (Albemarle Road)

1979—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant) (Chm.)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park), Chairman, 810 Baxter Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers

1977—G. Carswell Hughs
1978—Lewis Bledsoe
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1979—William G. Katibah, Jr.
1979—Jeff T. Kesterson

Elders

1977—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) (Chm.)
1977—Forney Michael (Paw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)
1979—Don R. Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1979—W. L.Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28130

Ministers

1977—Robert E. Burnett
1977—L. W. Topping
1977—Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. (Chm.)
1978—T. W. Tucker
1978—Warren Nance
1978—James McKinnon
1979—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1979—Earle D. Roberts
1979—D. Scott Lindsay

Elders

1977—R. K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)
1977—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1977—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1978—A. O. Canon (Myers Park)
1978—Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
1978—Harvey W. Johnston, M.D. (Forest Hill)
1979—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1979—Mrs. John E. Butler (Amity)
1979—Reuben Tomberlin (Indian Trail)

2. Commission on the Minister

Eldon D. Wadsworth, Chairman, Rt. 3, Box 441, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Ministers

1977—Eldon D. Wadsworth (Chm.)
1977—D. W. Oldenburg
1978—Edward C. Wilson
1978—Charles E. S. Kraemer
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1979—Roy W. Coker

Elders

1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1977—Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Nancy Odham (St. John)
1978—James R. Nisbet (Carmel)
1979—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1979—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1977—Horace E. Stoessel
1978—Fred C. Holder(Chm.)
1979—Zane M. Moore

Elders

1977—Don MacKay (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1977—Roger P. Melton
1978—Robert W. Rayburn (Chm.)
1979—Russell M. Kerr

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Frank Funderburk (Monroe First)
1978—David Beach (Badin)
1979—Paul Bell (Trinity)

2. Christian Education

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman, 1600 Mallard Creek Church Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Ministers

1977—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
1977—Fred Horner
1977—E. E. Washington
1978—Kenneth P. Craig (Chm.)
1978—Robert E. Smith, Jr.
1979—Wallace Johnson
1979—Kenneth Woodard

Lay Members

1977—Mrs. Anne McQuiston (Covenant)
1977—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1977—Bill Kenyon (Caldwell Memorial)
1977—Miss Suzette Kincer (Davidson College)
1977—Tom Carmichael (Forest Hill)
1978—Gabe C. Hill, III (Sharon)
1978—Mrs. Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Jane Walkup (Plaza)
1978—Mrs. Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
1978—Roger Smith (Covenant)
1979—Robert C. Hinkle (Badin)
1979—Mrs. Lane D. Vickery (Indian Trail)
1979—Mrs. Morrison Irwin (St. Andrews)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), Chairman, 1117 Greentree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers	Lay Members
1977—Glenn B. Robinson	1977—Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity) (Chm.)
1978—W. R. Otey, III	1978—Miss Ann Vickers (Sardis)
1979—J. Craig Butler	1979—Mark Tinkham (Huntersville)

2. Research and Strategy

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, 5311 Robinhood Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers	Lay Members
1977—James E. Ratchford	1977—Guy D. Privette (Stephenson)
1977—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., (Chm.)	1977—Mrs. Robert Brown (Charlotte First)
1978—J. E. Wayland, Jr.	1978—William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
1978—W. L. Kline	1978—John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)
1979—H. Louis Patrick	1979—W D. Poteat (Newell)
1979—Robert S. Hough	1979—M. E. Yandle (Steele Creek)

3. Deployment and Sustentation

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Chairman, First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, N. C. 28170

Ministers	Lay Members
1977—C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. (Chm.)	1977—Randolph Norton (Sardis)
1977—Robert S. Maclin, III	1977—Paul Craig (Sugaw Creek)
1978—Frank Wilkinson	1978—Miss Ann Duckwall (Albemarle First)
1978—Glenn L. Hill	1978—Lawrence M. Kimbrough (Davidson College)
1979—James H. Sell, Jr.	1979—Jack Cathey (Third)
1979—John A. Haley	1979—Oscar W. Faulk, Jr. (Benton Heights)

4. Specialized Ministry

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman, Route 9, Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers	Lay Members
1977—William A. Dysard, Jr.	1977—Mrs. Curtina Bradley (Smallwood)
1977—John R. MacKinnon	1977—J. Marshall Blythe (Hopewell)
1978—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh (Chm.)	1978—Ed Parnell (Avondale)
1978—Tom Reinowski	1978—Don Haas (First Union)
1979—Neil C. Leach	1978—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1979—J. David Fletcher	1979—D. G. Martin (Seigle Avenue)

5. International Missions

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman, 3501 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers	Lay Members
1977—Finley M. Grissett, Jr. (Chm.)	1977—Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Ave.)
1978—J Wendell Ligon	1978—Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)
1979—George H. V. Hunter	1979—Glenn Cathey (Paw Creek)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel

L. I. Stell, Chairman, Route 2, Box S540, Denver, N. C. 28037

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1977—Edward C. Wilson	1977—Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia)
1977—John B. Rogers, Jr.	1977—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1978—Richard P. Shaw	1978—Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Ave.)
1978—L. I. Stell (Chm.)	1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—Zane M. Moore	1979—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1979—J. David Fletcher	1979—Larry Baucom (Locust)

2. Court Meetings

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1977—David E. Wilkinson (Chm.)	1977—Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
1978—French B. O'Shields, Jr.	1978—N. J. Owens (Christ)
1979—Marcus B. Prince, III	1979—Bobby Overcash (Calvary)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman, 1117 Linganore Place, Charlotte, N. C. 28203

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1977—Frank H. Caldwell (Chm.)	1977—Mrs. James C. Helms, Jr. (Philadelphia)
1978—W. A. Dysard, Jr.	1978—Miss Ruth Farrior (Plaza)
1979—Earl R. MacCormac	1979—J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road)

2. Worship

Donald Stroud, Chairman, Marshville, N. C. 28103

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1977—Donald Stroud (Chm.)	1977—Mrs. Richard Peek (Covenant)
1978—J. Arthur Beard	1978—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)
1979—Robert O. Freeman	1979—Frank O. Roberts (Philadelphia)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1977—Russell M. Kerr
1977—Mrs. Douglas MacGregor (Sharon)
1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)
1979—G. Carswell Hughs

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby

Haiti Development Commission

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1977—James H. McKinnon
1978—T. W. Tucker
1979—Douglas W. Oldenburg (Chm.)
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

Ruling Elders

1977—Mrs. Henry Harkey (Myers Park)
1977—Sam Ryburn (Covenant)
1978—Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
1978—William C. Sugg, Jr., M.D. (Covenant)
1979—Mrs. Hugh D. Verner (Myers Park)
1979—T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)

Advisory Members

1977—David Beach (Badin)
1978—Paul Brown (Steele Creek)
1979—Harold Hope, M.D. (Charlotte First)

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C., 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity), G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Rodney C. Shoemaker, Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster), Mrs. Ruth Topping (Charlotte First), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

Task Force on Hunger

Neil M. McMillan, Chairman, 2929 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., 28209

Mrs. Hugh Verner (Myers Park), Mrs. Ira Schmidt (Selwyn Avenue), Mrs. Charles Evans (Myers Park), T. A. Little, Jr., Mrs. James R. Scruggs (Selwyn Avenue), Douglas W. Oldenburg, Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Dr. John Pleasants (Trinity), Cullen Ferguson (Charlotte First), Mrs. T. A. Little, Jr., (St. Andrews) H. Howard Smith, Harry Philips, Mrs. David Phillips (Forest Hill)

Task Force on Counseling

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 E. Morehead, Charlotte, N. C., 28204

Mrs. Lillian McAlister (Third), Mrs. Ann Smoak (Trinity), David E. Wilkinson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Russell M. Kerr

Women of the Church President

Mrs. C. T. Wells, Jr., 4819 Hardwicke Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Men of the Church President

Joe McCrorey, 6700 Farmingdale Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Presbyterian Ministers Association President

Robert O. Freeman, 1727 Flynnwood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Sub-Committee on Records of Evaluation and Review Committee

E. B. Cooper, J. S. Garner, F. S. Jones, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. W. MacLean, A. Leslie Thompson, M. B. Prince, Jr.

Roll of Ministers	**Date Received**	**Church**
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	6-26-21	
M. B. Prince, Jr. H.R.	6-16-29	
Roy F. Whitley, H.R.	7-23-45	
Charles E.S. Kraemer, H.R.	11-26-45	
Warner L. Hall	4-16-46	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean, H.R.	4-16-46	
David E. Wilkinson	7-17-51	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper, H.R.	7-17-51	
Russell M. Kerr	7-15-52	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	7-19-52	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	1-20-53	
W. G. Workman, H.R.	4-21-53	
Fred C. Holder	7-11-54	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	1-18-55	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	4-12-55	
Leighton S. Ford	4-12-55	Evangelist
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	6-15-56	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	3-5-57	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	4-16-57	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	11-5-57	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	4-21-59	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	7-21-59	
Daniel L. Durway	9-15-59	
David G. Boyce	9-20-60	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	1-24-61	Director Alexander Children's Center
H. Louis Patrick	1-22-63	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	4-16-63	
J. Arthur Beard, H.R.	7-16-63	
Eugene P. Poe, H.R.	7-16-63	
Charles Betts Huntley	6-7-64	Foreign Missionary
William D. Morton	7-21-64	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., H.R.	10-20-64	
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	10-20-64	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	1-26-65	
Paul W. Beazley	7-19-65	Graduate Student
Paul A. Horne	7-20-65	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith	10-19-65	Turner, Siler
Eldon D. Wadsworth	10-19-65	Hopewell
J. Daniel Zeluff	10-19-65	Interpreter's House
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	7-19-66	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	10-18-66	South Tryon

Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
Robert J. James	10-18-66	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	10-18-66	Associate in Christian Education
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	10-18-66	
Zane M. Moore	1-24-67	Central Steele Creek
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	7-18-67	
Kenneth P. Craig	7-18-67	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	7-18-67	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	10-17-67	
John E. Smylie	10-17-67	
Edward C. Wilson	1-23-68	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	1-23-68	Christ
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	7-16-68	
John A. Luddy	7-28-68	McGee
James S. Mann	7-28-68	
H. E. Stoessel	10-15-68	
Neil C. Leach	1-28-69	Executive Director, Planned Parenthood
Robert S. Maclin, III	1-28-69	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	4-15-69	
Roy W. Coker	4-15-69	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	7-15-69	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	7-15-69	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	7-15-69	
Raeford Rodney Love	7-27-69	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	10-20-69	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	10-20-69	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	10-20-69	
Javan W. Reid, Jr.	10-26-69	Evangelist
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	12-9-69	
Charles L. Kirby	2-24-70	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	2-24-70	Ramah
Joe P. Arnold	5-26-70	
Robert S. Hough	11-24-70	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	11-24-70	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	11-24-70	
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	2-23-71	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	2-23-71	
Charles C. Cowsert	2-23-71	Executive Secretary, Board of Annuities and Relief
Robert O. Freeman	5-25-71	
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	9-28-71	
Jennings B. Reid	9-28-71	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	9-28-71	Albemarle Road
Earl R. MacCormac	11-16-71	Professor
John B. Rogers, Jr.	2-22-72	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	2-22-72	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	2-22-72	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	2-22-72	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	2-22-72	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	2-22-72	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	5-23-72	Beulah-Lee Park

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C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	9-26-72	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	9-26-72	
G. Carswell Hughs	9-26-72	Charlotte First
William B. Ward	11-28-72	Covenant (Associate)
Robert E. Burnett	2-27-73	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	2-27-73	
William M. Edwards, II	5-22-73	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	5-22-73	Admin. Davidson College
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	6-24-73	Davidson College (Assistant)
Earle D. Roberts	9-25-73	Covenant (Assistant)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	9-25-73	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	9-25-73	McQuay
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	9-25-73	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	9-25-73	Plaza
E. E. Washington	9-25-73	Smallwood
Fred R. Horner	11-27-73	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	12-2-73	Trinity (Assistant)
J. W. Ligon	2-26-74	Carmel
W. G. Nance	2-26-74	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon	5-28-74	
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	5-28-74	Walkersville
David Scott Lindsay	6-16-74	Charlotte First (Associate)
R. E. Smith, Jr.	9-24-74	Sardis (Associate)
Neil M. McMillan	9-24-74	Selwyn Avenue
Vernon H. Dodd	10-13-74	Hopewell (Assistant)
Kenneth Woodard	11-19-74	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	11-19-74	Sharon
W. L. Kline, Jr.	2-25-75	Memorial
John R. Crawford	2-25-75	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	2-25-75	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	4-6-75	Myers Park (Associate)
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	5-27-75	
Roger P. Melton,	5-27-75	Altan-Bethany
George H. V. Hunter	5-27-75	Badin
Donald E. Stroud	6-22-75	Marshville—New Salem
Thomas K. Reinowski	6-22-75	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
J. Craig Butler	6-29-75	Benton Heights
H. Howard Smith	9-23-75	Robinson
Carl R. Pritchett, H.R.	9-23-75	
J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	11-18-75	Huntersville
J. R. Taylor	2-24-76	Myers Park
J. H. Sell, Jr.	2-24-76	St. John
Jeff T. Kesterson	2-24-76	Thomasboro
Wilbur G. Maxwell	5-25-76	Pageland-Salem
Leroy P. Gwaltney, III	5-25-76	Albemarle First (Associate)
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	5-25-76	Myers Park (Associate)
Harry W. Philips	5-25-76	Westminster
John A. Haley, Jr.	5-25-76	Avondale
Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.	6-27-76	Camden-Morven
Charles A. Norwood	9-28-76	St. Andrews
Robert J. Garment	10-9-76	Westover Hills
R. J. McMullen, Jr.	2-22-77	Sugaw Creek
Total Ministers		**142**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Sidney Franklin Batts, Princeton Seminary, Third Church

Jane Flowe Brawley, Agnes Scott College, Robinson Church

Charles Timothy Carriker, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Westminster Church

Samuel David Carriker, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Richard Donald Carriker, Princeton Seminary, Sardis Church

Robert Andrew Cathey, Davidson College, Third Church

G. Wayne Cole, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Frederick Alvin Herbert Coates, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Fred Craven Douglas, Appalachian State University, Huntersville Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Robert Curtis Fussell, III, Louisville Seminary, Sardis Church

Sally Henderson, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Zeb Brad Long, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, University of Pennsylvania, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Thomas Lemly Shields, III, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Hopewell Church

Catherine Cora Snyder, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

David Harold Sutton, Union Seminary, Albemarle First Church

Lanny Vincent, Yale Divinity School, Davidson College Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

Lewis Williams, Davidson College, St. Giles Church

ROLL OF CHURCHES

All town addresses are North Carolina unless otherwise stated.

Churches	**Clerks Of Session**	**Treasurers**
Albemarle	Fetzer Hartsell P. O. Box 667 Albemarle 28001	Bob Richards Route 2, Box 388 Albemarle 28001
Albemarle Road	Verland R. Smith 1640 Marlwood Circle Charlotte 28212	Timothy H. Campbell 14201 Creekside Drive Matthews 28105
Altan	Odus Doster Route 5, Box 868 Monroe 28110	James E. Cox Route 5 Monroe 28110
Amay James	Melvin Murriel 2510 Sherrill Ave. Charlotte 28208	Ms. Addie B. Whiteside 2913-E Dalton Vig. Dr. Charlotte 28208
Amity	William Ben Stokes, Jr. 3721 Slagle Ave. Charlotte 28215	C. L. Wilson 5024 Carriage Drive Charlotte 28205
Avondale	James S. Hunter 2431 Thornridge Road Charlotte 28211	J. M. Neel 3035 Idlewood Circle Charlotte 28209
Badin	Philip C. Neumann Badin 28009	Donald A. Beck Badin 28009
Banks	Ralph C. Kelley Box 320, Route 1 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715	F. Parks Stephenson Route 2 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
W. H. Belk	G. S. Morrison 6311 Nations Ford Road Charlotte 28210	Larry W. Massey 7717 Bramblewood Rd. Charlotte 28210
Benton Heights	J. T. Springs Route 9 Monroe 28110	Ms. Dianne Edwards Rt. 9, Box 768 Monroe 28110
Bethany	Paul Whitley Route 5 Monroe 28110	Mrs. Edith Doster Route 5 Monroe 28110
Bethel	Wilson Knox Route 2, Box 208 Huntersville 28078	Steve Knox Route 1, Box 97 Mooresville 28115
Bethlehem	Donald H. Price Route 1, Box 616 Indian Trail 28079	Jim Vicars Route 7, Box 392-B Monroe 28110
Beulah	Allen Collins Route 1 Monroe 28110	Ralph Rorie Route 3 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Caldwell Memorial	Mrs. Shirlene Regehr 232 Mountain View Dr. Matthews 28105	Mrs. Eva H. Hunter 2137 East 5th St. Charlotte 28204
Calvary	Bobby Overcash 179 Beverly Drive Concord 28025	Jimmy White P. O. Box 368 Cornelius 28031
Camden	J. Boyce Baker, Jr. 1317 Shannon Drive Wadesboro 28170	Miss Ethel Hildreth Route 3, Box 64 Wadesboro 28170
Carmel	Roy W. Beaty 2048 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211	Harold Wilson 2048 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211

Churches	**Clerks Of Session**	**Treasurers**
Central Steele Creek	Yates W. Reep Route 2, Box 1139-H Charlotte 28210	Charles F. Blackwelder Route 2 12436 Delshire Lane Charlotte 28210
Charlotte, First	Henry P. Bridges, Jr. 523 Livingston Drive Charlotte 28211	Robert F. Stokes 1427 Cavendish Court Charlotte 28211
Christ	Mrs. F. C. Pegram 2024 Camp Greene St. Charlotte 28208	W. E. Carter 6624 Pawnee Drive Charlotte 28214
Clanton Memorial	L. F. Brooks, Sr. 3511 Driftwood Drive Charlotte 28205	Mrs. R. E. Davenport Route 3, Box 368-A Shopton Rd. Charlotte 28210
Cook's Memorial	Robert C. Yarbrough 461 Oakdale Road Charlotte 28216	Dwight E. Black Route 9, Box 191 Charlotte 28208
Cornelius	H. V. Robinette P. O. Box 612 Cornelius 28031	Marvin J. Bradford Box 83 Cornelius 28031
Covenant	Robert C. Hord, Jr. 2242 Malvern Road Charlotte 28207	Richard M. Hunter 220 Huntley Place Charlotte 28207
Davidson College	Lawrence M. Kimbrough Box 2376 Davidson 28036	W. A. Thompson Davidson 28036
East	Robert Whitesell 5849 Charing Place Charlotte 28211	Anthony Rhead 1200 Beechdale Ave. Charlotte 28212
First Union	John M. Dunn, Jr. Route 11, Box 236 Charlotte 28213	F. H. Lemonds 207 Jackson Drive Charlotte 28213
Forest Hill	Mrs. Betty R. McArtan 5217 Glenham Drive Charlotte 28210	Joseph W. Pegram 1040 Woodlawn Road Charlotte 28209
Hawley Memorial	Leonard Ward Route 1, Box 290 Peachland 28133	Mrs. Sherry F. Gaddy 130 College Street Polkton 28135
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Robbie Leach 7528 Linda Lake Dr. Charlotte 28215	Gary Johnson 12026 Ranburne Drive Charlotte 28212
Hopewell	William E. Moss Route 3, Box 471 Huntersville 28078	C. Brown Whitley, Jr. Route 1, Box 106 Huntersville 28078
Huntersville	Miss Martha Monteith Route 1, Box 258 Huntersville 28078	Richard M. Barnette Route 3, Box 25 Huntersville 28078
ndian Hill	J. W. Morgan Route 2 Stanfield 28163	Lewis Lambert Route 2 Stanfield 28163
Indian Trail	Mrs. Martha C. Biggers 823 Highway 1362 Matthews 28105	Mrs. Helen P. Moser 15909 Lawing Court Matthews 28105

Churches	**Clerks Of Session**	**Treasurers**
Johnston Memorial	Kenneth Smith 3816 Woodleaf Road Charlotte 28205	Mrs. J. E. Webb 905 Sweetbriar Street Charlotte 28205
Lee Park	John D. Williams Route 4 Monroe 28110	Andrew Booth, III 715 W. Park Drive Monroe 28110
Locust	Coil Barbee 311 East Main St. Locust 28097	Peggy Beatty 116 Smith Street Locust 28097
Mallard Creek	T. Dale McLaughlin 9922 Mallard Creek Rd. Charlotte 28213	Mrs. J. M. Oehler Route 7, Box 677 Charlotte 28213
Marshville	Charles S. Boyce, Sr. Route 4 Marshville 28103	Oscar Perkins P. O. Box 301 Marshville 28103
Matthews	J. W. Russell P. O. Box 234 Matthews 28105	John L. Hollimon 5924 Caroline Drive Matthews 28105
McGee	John O. Sides 336 Fielding Road Charlotte 28214	J. Ross Kistler 1125 James Street Charlotte 28216
McQuay	Jack M. Threatt Route 4, Box 472-A-9 Charlotte 28208	Frank M. Felker, Jr. 3712 Rogers Street Charlotte 28208
Memorial	Donald Ross Route 5, Box 1003 Charlotte 28208	Mrs. Dot Hoffman Route 5, Box 1007 Charlotte 28208
Monroe, First	Fred McCallum Box 567 Monroe 28110	Mrs. Hazel Eason Box 567 Monroe 28110
Morven	Thomas Whitley P. O. Box 242 Morven 28119	James Wall Route 1, Box 109 Morven 28119
Mulberry	Henry C. Rhyne 2518 Little Rock Rd. Charlotte 28214	Daniel S. Forbes 2839 Kendrick Drive Charlotte 28214
Myers Park	Morton L. Church, Jr. 3860 Abingdon Road Charlotte 28211	J. Worth Williamson, Jr. 1309 Biltmore Drive Charlotte 28207
Newell	D. E. Beckwith Route 10, Box 579 Charlotte 28213	W. D. Poteat P. O. Box 21 Newell 28126
New Salem	O. L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103	Mrs. O. L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103
Norwood	Harry M. Beeker Route 3, Box 49M Norwood 28128	Mrs. C. W. Adkisson, Jr. P. O. Box 767 Norwood 28128
Oakboro	Mrs. Edith McLendon Box 428 Oakboro 28129	Mrs. Linda Champion Route 2, Box 286 PA Stanfield 28163
Pageland	H. H. Houston, Jr. P. O. Box 51 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. Christine H. Douglas P. O. Box 224 Pageland, S. C. 29728

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Paw Creek	Blair H. Cathey Route 14, Box 123 Charlotte 28208	Steven Young 6423 Tomahawk Lane Charlotte 28214
Philadelphia	Mrs. Ray H. Waltman 4310 Matthews Mint Hill Rd. Matthews 28105	Ray J. Hough P. O. Box 23016 Charlotte 28212
Plaza	Joel E. Stegall, Jr. 3201 Airlie St. Charlotte 28205	Mrs. Shirley G. Goodwin 3253 Brixton Court Charlotte 28205
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Nancy H. Choate Route 1 Pineville 28134	W. R. Wallace Route 1, Box 95A Pineville 28134
Providence	Donald S. Kellam, Jr., M.D. 2225 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211	R. A. Hudson, Jr. Route 3 Waxhaw 28173
Quail Hollow	Carl Moss 6338 Rosecrest Drive Charlotte 28210	Malloy Davis, Jr. 3101 Northampton Dr. Charlotte 28210
Ramah	Otis C. Gray Route 2, Box 310 Huntersville, N. C. 28078	J. W. Brown Route 3 Huntersville 28078
Rehobeth	F. A. Gordon Route 4, Box 113-F Waxhaw 28173	Hope Sims Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Ridgecrest	Grover Furr Route 3 Albemarle 28001	Ervin Fesperman Route 1 Stanfield 28163
Robinson	B. W. Faires 8020 Robinson Church Rd. Charlotte 28215	Louie F. Miller 3835 Sharon Amity Rd. Charlotte 28205
St. Andrews	Mrs. Lonnie Preston 1729 Brookdale Ave. Charlotte 28210	M. R. McConnell 2900 Park Road Charlotte 28209
St. Giles	Mrs. Ray McCorkle 2027 Emerywood Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Honey Lynn 2027 Emerywood Drive Charlotte 28210
St. John	A. Perry Read 3241 Brixton Court Charlotte 28205	Stewart E. Odham 3524 Erinbrook Lane Charlotte 28215
Salem	L. E. Phillips Route 1, Box 86 Mt. Croghan, S. C. 29727	Mrs. Laura Phillips Route 1 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Sardis	Kent T. Paterson 6100 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211	Calvin B. Baird 5700 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211
Seigle Avenue	Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Edith M. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210
Selwyn Avenue	Lloyd E. Parks 3616 Fountainhill Ridge Rd. Charlotte 28211	Mrs. John B. Jolley 819 Manhasset Road Charlotte 28209
Sharon	William H. Riddle 4809 Carmel Park Drive Charlotte 28211	William T. Stanford 3100 Sharon View Road Charlotte 28210

Churches	Clerks Of Session	Treasurers
Siler	W. P. Keels Route 8, Box 332 Monroe 28110	Jerry D. Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Smallwood	Mrs. Bobbie Q. Berry 6433 Spring Garden Lane Charlotte 28213	Mrs. Delores Martin 1421 Plumstead Road Charlotte 28216
South Tryon	Mrs. Barbara Hendricks 107 Walnut Avenue Charlotte 28208	Mrs. Ernestine Adams 2516 S. Tryon St. Charlotte 28203
Steele Creek	B. J. Brown Route 3, Box 327-D Charlotte 28208	William B. Brown 4825 Carmel Park Drive Charlotte 28211
Stephenson	Larry Tyson Route 8 Monroe 28110	Will Kimbrell Route 1 Indian Trail 28079
Sugaw Creek	Miss Mable Todd 4412 Rolling Hill Drive Charlotte 28213	Ed Davis, Jr. 4823 Cheviot Road Charlotte 28213
Third	Philip L. Lambert 3215 Blackvine Drive Matthews 28105	Mrs. Virginia J. Smith 4424 Carriage Drive Charlotte 28205
Thomasboro	J. Bud Payne P. O. Box 8631 Charlotte 28208	Bertie Harold Long 252 W. LaPorte Drive Charlotte 28216
Trinity	Donald H. Jones 218 Livingston Drive Charlotte 28211	Mrs. L. E. Johnson 527 Meadowbrook Road Charlotte 28211
Turner	Charles Biggers Route 10 Monroe 28110	George Simpson Route 10 Monroe 28110
Unionville	E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 700 Monroe 28110	Mrs. E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 700 Monroe 28110
Wadesboro, First	J. Herbert Hildreth 108 Rose Terrace Wadesboro 28170	W. L. Wildermuth 307 Leak Avenue Wadesboro 28170
Walkersville	Robert L. McCain Route 2 Waxhaw 28173	Mrs. Nell Starnes Route 4 Waxhaw 28173
Waxhaw	H. D. McLaughlin Box 143 Waxhaw 28173	Mrs. Gertrude Gordon Route 1, Box 76 Waxhaw 28173
Westminster	Neal H. Hodges 930 Longbow Road Charlotte 28211	Frank G. Templeton, Jr. 3701 Columbine Circle Charlotte 28211
Westover Hills	Eloise Stilwell 7515 Whippoorwill Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Merle McLester 4218 Gladstone Lane Charlotte 28205
Williams Memorial	R. N. Williams 209 Jackson Drive Charlotte 28213	Earl Leatherwood Route 1, Box 136 Huntersville 28078

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Queens College
Charlotte, North Carolina
January 25, 1977

The Presbytery met on this date in Belk Chapel, Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Edward C. Wilson.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by Donald E. Stroud.

A quorum was declared present.

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

Will not be needed for this meeting as there will be debate only from the floor.

Attendance

Robert E. Burnett, Chairman
Robert S. Maclin, III
Pat Keels (Siler)
Sam Weir (Carmel)

Resolutions

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
Marcus B. Prince, III
Thomas C. Rogers (Forest Hill)
Stough Garrison (Albemarle Road)

Tellers

A. Rudolph Hendricks, Chairman
James H. Sell, Jr.
Dale McLaughlin (Mallard Creek)
J. W. Russell (Matthews)

The ENROLLMENT was taken, and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., W. R. Aughinbaugh, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Frank H. Caldwell, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Crawford, E. L. Daniel, Jr., Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Robert J. Garment, Finley M. Grissett, L. P. Gwaltney, III, John A. Haley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R.

Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, William G. Katibah, Jr., Russell M. Kerr, A. M. Keith, Jeff T. Kesterson, C. L. Kirby, W. L. Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, D. Scott Lindsay, T. A. Little, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, F. A. Mathes, Wilbur G. Maxwell, F. R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., J. Harold McKeithen, A. J. McKelway, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Julius Melton, R. P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, R. L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, Charles A. Norwood, Douglas W. Oldenburg, W. R. Otey, III, Albert G. Peery, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., Harry W. Philips, E. P. Poe, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Carl R. Pritchett, Robert W. Rayburn, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Henry S. Robinson, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rodney C. Shoemaker, R. E. Smith, Jr., H. Howard Smith, Lawrence I. Stell, Donald E. Stroud, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, W. B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, John E. Wayland, Sr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. A. Beard, Leighton Ford, Warner L. Hall, N. C. Leach, James S. Mann, E. R. MacCormac, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., Margaret B. Peery, James E. Ratchford, Jennings B. Reid, John B. Rogers, Jr., J. R. Taylor.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Robert C. Benson, Glenn L. Hill, George H. V. Hunter, J. W. Ligon, Glenn B. Robinson, J. E. Smylie, H. E. Stoessel, J. Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Paul Fry, F. B. Gardner; Albemarle Road, Jerry Berry, Stough Garrison; Altan, William Floyd; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Rosalia Shell; Avondale, R. K. Miller, C. R. Higgins; W. H. Belk, Johnny L. Brown; Benton Heights, Joe Nash; Bethel, Herbert Knox; Bethlehem, Hoyt Purser; Caldwell, R. V. Mason; Calvary, Doris Brown; Camden, D. E. Phillips; Carmel, Sam Weir; Central Steel Creek, W. B. Young; Charlotte First, Mrs. B. S. Howell, Mary Dunkin, Joseph W. Grier, Jr.; Christ, N. J. Owens; Cornelius, Hans Pluer; Cook's Memorial, M. C. Rozzelle, J. R. Thompson; Covenant, Marion H. Ward, Joe W. Thompson, C. Franklin Mansfield, Kenneth P. Forrester, Jr., J. C. Barnhardt; East, Richard K. Gardner; First Union, Phil Holshouser; Forest Hill, Tom Rogers, J. B. Rogers; Hickory Grove, Lamar Thomas; Hopewell, Ewell Somers, George Alexander; Huntersville, Mike Dwyer; Indian Trail, Bruce E. Stinson; Mallard Creek, J. M. Oehler; Marshville, Mrs. Conway Bolt, Sr.; Matthews, J. William Russell; McGee, Dick McGee; McQuay, Mrs. Eloise Blackwell; Memorial, Jim Johnston; Monroe, First, Wilton E. Damon, Sr.; Morven, Mrs. Robert Thomas; Mulberry, N. S. Carlson; Myers Park, Alfred Canon; Edward F. Baesel, R. A. Bigger, Jr., Douglas W. Booth; Pageland, John Mangum; Paw Creek, Forney E. Michael, Jerry W. Neal; Philadelphia, Mrs. Ray Waltman; Plaza, Mrs. B. D. Rogers, Jr.; Pleasant Hill, W. H. Allred; Providence, D. S. Kellam; Quail Hollow, Charles E. Crumbley; Robinson, Ronald C. Rolen; St. Andrews, Mrs. H. M. Erwin; St. Giles, Rex V. Hoffman, Pat Roush; Sardis, Joe C. Harden, Mrs. Robert Provence, Elmer Smith, Robert Pharr; Seigle Ave., Renie Palmer; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, A. C. Thies; Sharon, Esther Brown; Siler, Pat Keels; Steele Creek, Baxter Wilson, Bradford Hunter; Stevenson, B. F. Wyant, III; Sugaw Creek, Mable Todd, Ralph Kiser, Wade R. Todd; Third, C. Harper Newbold, Jack C. Cathey; Thomasboro, W. S. McClure; Wadesboro, W. L. Wildermuth; Walkersville, Mitchell Tyson; Waxhaw, Clifford Stikeleather; Westminster, W. A. McCorkle, Mildred F. McSpadden; Westover Hills, Roland Hale; Williams Memorial, Earl J. Leatherwood.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Bethany, Badin, Banks, Beulah, Clanton, Davidson College, Hawley Memorial, Indian Hill, Johnston Memorial, Lee Park, Locust, New Salem, Newell, Norwood, Oakboro, Ramah, Rehobeth, Ridgecrest, St. John, Salem, Smallwood, South Tryon, Trinity, Turner, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dottie Best, Betty Eudy, Ruth Farrior, Suzette Kincer, Jessica Layman, Anne Vickers, Jeanie Ogilvie.

Visitors and guests were introduced and welcomed.

The Docket for this meeting was presented by David E. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, and adopted.

9:00- 9:15	Worship—Donald E. Stroud
9:15- 9:30	Appointment of Standing Committees Edward C. Wilson, Moderator
	Presentation of the Docket—David E. Wilkinson
	Report of Committee on Arrangements—A. O. Canon
9:30	Amendments to the Constitution Dealing with the Proposed **Book of Confessions** and **Declaration of Faith**
	Introduced by the Interpretation Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery—Frank H. Caldwell
I.	Amendments Dealing with the **Book of Confessions** and **A Declaration of Faith** (Section A)
II.	Amendments to Form of Government Dealing with The Permanent Judicial Commission (Section G)
III.	Amendments Dealing with Infant Baptism (Section F)
IV.	Amendments Dealing with "Admission To The Lord's Table" (Section E)
V.	Amendments Dealing with Terms of Call for Ministers (Section B)
VI.	Amendments Dealing with Care and Supervision of Candidates (Section D)
VII.	Amendments Dealing with Written Examinations for Candidates (Section C)
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:30	Discussion of Amendments
12:30- 1:30	Lunch
1:30- 3:15	Discussion of Amendments
3:15- 3:30	Recess
3:30-To will of Court	Discussion of Amendments
	Reading of Minutes
	Report of Resolutions Committee David E. Wilkinson
	Adjournment

Dr. Alfred O. Canon, President of Queens College, extended a cordial welcome to all those attending this meeting of Presbytery and presented the report for the Committee on Arrangements, which was received as information.

The Call for this meeting of Presbytery was read and found in order.

Presbytery then proceeded to the consideration of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments approved by the 116th General Assembly and recommended to the Presbyteries for advice and consent.

The introduction to this report was presented by Frank H. Caldwell, Chairman of the Interpretation Committee.

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: "That the report presented be adopted with the following change—that items I, II, III and IV under Section A (Amendments dealing with the **Book of Confessions** and **Declaration of Faith)** be voted upon by ballot."

With the exception of a recess from 10:30 A.M. until 10:45 A.M., the remainder of the morning session was devoted to discussing, debating and voting on the Proposed Amendments.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

The Court then proceeded to further discussion of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

The following motion was made by the Stated Clerk and adopted: "That Amendments 20-42 (excluding Nos. 25 and 26) and Amendment 8 be included in one vote with the total applicable to each."

Presbytery then resumed the discussing and debating of the Proposed Amendments. The final vote was as follows:

Ballot for Amendments Dealing with
The Book of Confessions and A Declaration of Faith

1.	Adoption of a **Book of Confessions**	For	104	Against	76
2.	Preface, Section II	For	104	Against	76
3.	Section 27-7	For	128	Against	48
4.	Section 29-3	For	128	Against	48
5.	Section 30-2	For	X	Against	
6.	Section 30-3	For	X	Against	
7.	Section 102-1	For	X	Against	
8.	Section 210-2	For	X	Against	
9.	Section 215-4	For	X	Against	
10.	Section 218-2	For	X	Against	

Ballot for Amendments Dealing with
Terms of Call for Ministers

11.	Section 14-3(6)	For	X	Against	
12.a.	Section 26-3 (additional paragraph)	For		Against	
12.b.	Section 26-3 (additional paragraph)	For		Against	
12.c.	Section 26-3 (additional paragraph)	For		Against	
13.	Section 26-8	For	X	Against	

Ballot for Amendments Dealing with Written Examinations and Supervision of Candidates

14.	Section 27-5(1)	For X	Against
15.	Section 24-3 (new first paragraph)	For	Against X
16.	Section 24-3 (new second paragraph)	For X	Against
16.a.	Section 24-3 (additional paragraph)	For X	Against
16b.	Section 24-3 (additional paragraph)	For X	Against
16.c.	Section 24-3 (additional paragraph)	For X	Against
16.d.	Section 24-3 (additional paragraph)	For X	Against
16.e.	Section 24-3 (additional paragraph)	For X	Against
16.f.	Section 24-3 (additional paragraph)	For X	Against
17.	Section 24-5 (renumber) and Section 24-5 (revision)	For X	Against
18.	Section 24-6 (renumber) and Section 24-6 (revision)	For X	Against
19.	Sections 24-7 through 13 to be renumbered Sections 24-9 through 15	For X	Against

Ballot for Amendments Dealing with Admission to the Lord's Table

20.	Section 1-4	For	Against X
21.	Section 5-1	For	Against X
22.	Section 6-1	For	Against X
23.	Section 6-2	For	Against X
24.	Chapter 7 (title change)	For	Against X
24.a.	Section 7-1	For	Against X
25.	Section 7-2	For	Against X
26.	Sections 7-2 through 7-4 be renumbered to Sections 7-3 through 7-5 and that Section 7-3 be amended	For	Against X
27.	Section 8-7	For	Against X
28.	Section 8-8	For	Against X
29.	Section 8-9	For	Against X
30.	Section 8-11	For	Against X
31.	Section 8-15	For	Against X
32.	Section 15-6	For	Against X
33.	Section 15-8	For	Against X
34.	Section 24-2	For	Against X
35.	Section 24-3	For	Against X
36.	Section 111-1	For	Against X
37.	Section 210-1	For	Against X
38.	Section 210-2	For	Against X
39.	Section 210-3	For	Against X
40.	Section 210-4	For	Against X
41.	Section 210-6	For	Against X
42.	Section 210-7 renumbered 210-8 and new Section 210-7 added	For	Against X

Ballot for Amendments Dealing with Infant Baptism and the Permanent Judicial Commission

43.	Section 8-19	For X	Against
44.	Section 209-3	For X	Against
45.	Section 20-1	For X	Against
46.	Section 20-3	For X	Against

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by the Chairman, Robert E. Burnett. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman, presented the report of the Resolutions Committee, and it was adopted.

We, the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, convened at Queens College on the 25th of January, 1977 in a Called Meeting, express to Almighty God our thanks for His being with us and helping us as we have discussed the "Amendments to the Constitution dealing with the proposed **Book of Confessions and Declaration of Faith.**"

We are thankful that it snowed yesterday instead of today. We were uplifted by the concise and inspiring opening worship led by the Rev. Donald E. Stroud and Miss Robin Faircloth, organist, student at Queens College.

We are grateful to chairman, Dr. Frank H. Caldwell, and other members of the Interpretation Committte for their presentations of the Proposed Amendments.

We congratulate the members of the Presbytery for their fine spirit during discussion and debate of the amendments!

To President Alfred Canon, Assistant to the President, Mrs. Ina Hughs, and the staff of Queens College, we express deepest appreciation for such fine facilities and for services rendered. **And what an excellent lunch!**

Again, to our erstwhile Moderator as in our recent Presbytery Meeting: "Well done, Ed Wilson, well done!' "

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

Presbytery then adopted a motion to adjourn the meeting. The members of Presbytery stood, and the Moderator pronounced the benediction.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twenty-First Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 22, 1977

The Presbytery convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 22, 1977.

The Opening Worship Service was conducted by the Moderator, Edward C. Wilson, who delivered a Communion Meditation, "Invitation to the Lord's Supper", based on Philippians 1:1-6.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Neil M. McMillan, Tom K. Reinowski, and Ruling Elders of the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The service included a Memorial to the Reverend Grady Eliot Dixon, which was presented by Robert J. James, the Stated Clerk. The Memorial was adopted and admitted to record.

MEMORIAL
TO
THE REVEREND GRADY ELIOT DIXON

April 3, 1914 - November 27, 1976

"Red" as he was affectionately known by his closest friends, was born in Gastonia, N. C., the son of the late Alonzo White and Mamie Hass Dixon. The oldest of four children, he was reared in nearby Cramerton, where he graduated from high school. He was married to Inez Cloninger in 1939, forming a happy union which was to last for thirty-seven years. He entered the Army in 1943, serving with the 34th Infantry Division as a non-commissioned officer for twenty months in Africa and Italy, receiving the Combat Infantryman's Badge and other awards. After being discharged from the Army he became a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of The Presbytery of Kings Mountain and entered Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. It was there, in 1948, that a son, Danny, was born. Upon graduation he and his family moved to Decatur, Georgia, where he entered Columbia Theological Seminary.

He graduated from Columbia in 1955 and then was Ordained to the Gospel Ministry by this Presbytery and immediately installed as Pastor of the W. H. Belk Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, where he served faithfully for twenty years. He accepted the call of the Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church, Stanly County, where he served effectively for two years until his death.

"Red" served willingly and well on many Presbytery Committees and was elected Moderator in January 1962. He will be remembered for his service to the Presbytery through his skillful operation and maintenance of audio-visual equipment at various meetings. Most of all he will be remembered, not so much by what he did, but by what he was. With no inflated concepts of his own importance, his love for Christ and others motivated him to be a caring pastor and an honest preacher of the Good News. All who have been touched by his quiet, unpretentious life, have been enriched by his conscientious concern, compassion, caring and commitment and his warm and bright sense of humor.

We record our sadness in the death of our Brother-in-Christ, extend our love and prayerful support to Inez and Danny, a sister, Mrs. Marie D. Holland, Gastonia, N. C., and a brother, Mack Dixon, Lincoln Park, Mich., and express gratitude to God for the life and service of our friend. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, C. Linwood Cheshire, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Kenneth Craig, Ralph Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, Leighton Ford, Robert O. Freeman, Robert J. Garment, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, George H. V. Hunter, Clive F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, W. L. Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, J. Wendell Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, John A. Luddy, Jr., John R. MacKinnon, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, F. A. Mathes, Wilbur G. Maxwell, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Alexander, J. McKelway, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, C. A. Norwood, F. B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Carl R. Pritchett, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., H. Howard Smith, Donald E. Stroud, Earle D. Roberts, Richard P. Shaw, Rodney C. Shoemaker, Robert E. Smith, Jr., Lawrence I. Stell, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Eldon D. Wadsworth, J. E. Wayland, Jr., William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Oldenburg,, J. A. Beard, J. R. Taylor, Margaret B. Peery, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Earl R. MacCormac, H. E. Stoessel, D. E. Wilkinson, J. R. Crawford.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Roger P. Melton, N. C. Leach, T. A. Little, Neely McCarter, J. E. Smylie, R. Zach Thomas, III, J. Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Ian D. Bryson, Forrest Gardner; Albemarle Road, Stough Garrison; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, Mildred Caldwell; Avondale, Charles R. Higgins; Badin, P. C. Neumann; Banks, Ralph Kelley; Benton Heights, Henry Browning; Bethel, Leslie Kelly; Bethlehem, Edd G. Thomas; Caldwell Memorial, Richard Crockford, Jr.; Calvary, H. Herbert Blackwell; Camden, Miss Lillian Currie; Carmel, Sam Weir; Central Steele Creek, Dean F. Bassett; Charlotte First, Robert Glasgow, James A. White, John C. MacNeill; Christ, Mrs. R. L. Pearson, Jr.; Clanton Memorial, L. F. Brooks; Cornelius, Paul M. Poteat; Cook's Memorial, Richard F. Rozzell; Covenant, Robert C. Hord, Jr., Charles W. Allison, Jr., Ben T. Vernon, Jr.; Davidson College, G. L. Abernethy; East, Richard K. Gardner; First Union, T. A. Dellinger; Forest Hill, C. Wilson Helms, Charles W. Baker; Hickory Grove, Mrs. Nancy Starrette; Hopewell, Puett Kidd, W. Vance McElroy; Huntersville, Mike Dwyer; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, R. Mitchell Moore; Johnston Memorial, Kenneth Smith; Locust, Coil Barbee; Mallard Creek, T. D. McLaughlin; Marshville, Mrs. R. M. Gibson; Matthews, L. H. Overton; McQuay Memorial, Charles R. Cloud; Memorial, Ross Summerville; Monroe First, Fred McCallum; Morven, W. E. Steagall; Mulberry, Joseph H. Sadler; Myers Park, Charles M. Marshall, R. A. Bigger, Jr., Douglas W. Booth, E. F. Baesel, Jr., Alfred O. Canon; Newell. Mrs. Elizabeth Glenn; Norwood, F. M. Haire; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Pageland, Hugh Neisler; Paw Creek, Hoyt C. Johnston, Blair H. Cathey; Philadelphia, J. C. Helms, Jr., J. Mack Long; Plaza, Walter Johnson, Florence Crowder; Pleasant Hill, J. B. Currance; Providence, H. Vernon Norwood, Jr.; Quail Hollow, Don Rogers; Ramah, W. G. Barnhardt; Ridgecrest, Roger Smith; Robinson, Bryon Luna; St. Andrews, Esther L. Schmid; St. Giles, Mrs. Aileen Garland, G. B. Carrier; St. John, Robert W. Smith; Salem, Tom Moore; Sardis, Mrs. Peggy White, James G. Boyce, Burl Burnham, Elmer F. Smith; Seigle Avenue, Miss Summers Tarlton; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, A. C. Thies; Sharon, W. H. Riddle; Siler, Jimmy Wallace; South Tryon, Mrs. Barbara P. Hendricks; Thomasboro, Chester Rue; Steele Creek, Miss E. Frances Byrum, Worth E. Neel, Sr.; Shephenson, Leroy Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, E. H. Miracle, Paul A. Craig, Thomas E. Hough; Third, Jim Hanline, Lillian McAlister; Trinity, Mrs. L. S. Sellars; Turner, Danny Little; Wadesboro, W. L. Wildermuth; Walkersville, Perry D. Brown; Waxhaw, H. D. McLaughlin; Westminster, Mildred F. McSpadden, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, Richard O. Stilwell; Williams Memorial, Roy Rappe.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Smallwood.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Bethany, W. H. Belk, Beulah, Lee Park, Hawley Memorial, New Salem, McGee, Rehobeth, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Sue Burton, Dottie Best, Ruth Farrior, Suzette Kincer, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund, Anne Vickers.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-nomination, Austin C. Thies, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

David Kimbrell, a Ruling Elder in the Selwyn Avenue Church, extended a cordial welcome to those attending Presbytery, and Neil M. McMillan, the host Pastor, presented a report for the Committee on Arrangements.

Marcus B. Prince, III, Acting Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket, which was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship — Edward C. Wilson, Retiring Moderator

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Administered by Pastors and Elders of the Selwyn Avenue Church

2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren. Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time
3. Election of Moderator—Austin C. Thies, Moderator-Nominee
4. Report of Committee on Arrangements—Neil McMillan
5. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
6. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings), David E. Wilkinson
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
    RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Presbytery's Council—R. A. Bigger, Jr.
    (Report of General Presbyter, Robert J. James)
    (Report of Treasurer, Lewis W. Bledsoe)
    (Report of Synod Men's Council, Fred C. Holder)
    (Report of Capital Funds Campaign, L. I. Stell)
10. Report of Commission on the Minister—Eldon D. Wadsworth

10A. Report of Hunger Task Force, H. Howard Smith, Special Order 12:20 P.M.
LUNCH. 12:30-1:30 P.M.

11. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. (First Order after Lunch)
12. Report of Personnel Committee, L. I. Stell
    (Election of Commissioners to 1977 General Assembly)
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.
13. Report of First Union Administrative Commission—Glenn Robinson
14. Report of Clanton Memorial Administrative Commission—W. B. Ward
15. Calls for Pastors and Supplies
16. Commissions to be Appointed
17. Unfinished Business: Report of Standing Committees:
    1. Resolution of Thanks
    2. Attendance
    3. Bills and Overtures
18. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
19. Adjournment with Closing Prayer

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

Edward C. Wilson, Chairman
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.
Charles Marshall (Myers Park)
Robert Glasgow (Charlotte First)
Fred McCallum (Monroe First)

Tellers

W. A. Dysard, Jr., Chairman
Tom K. Reinowski
Charles L. Kirby
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.
Forrest Gardner (Albemarle First)
R. M. Moore (Indian Trail)
Richard Crockford (Caldwell Memorial)
Dean F. Bassett (Central Steele Creek)

Attendance

J. David Fletcher, Chairman
David G. Kimbrell (Selwyn Avenue)
Joe H. Sadler (Mulberry)

Resolutions

Marcus B. Prince, III, Chairman
French B. O'Shields, Jr.
Wilson Helms (Forest Hill)
N. J. Owens (Christ)
Herbert Blackwell (Calvary)

A Certificate of Dismissal for Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Minister-elect of Sugaw Creek Church and now of Atlanta Presbytery, but seeking admission to Mecklenburg, was presented by the Stated Clerk.

The following Resolution was presented by Leighton Ford and adopted:

"Whereas, the fate of thousands of Christians in Uganda may hang in the balance at this difficult time, we call upon the Churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery to observe a special time of prayer this Sunday, February 27, 1977, for the Christians of Uganda. We should pray that God will make us sensitive to the plight of our fellow Christians in Uganda. We should pray for peace and freedom for all the citizens of that land. We should pray for God's protection for the lives of Christian believers. We should pray especially that God will give wisdom and strength to the leaders of the Christian Church of Uganda. We should pray for God's comfort and protection for the wife of the late Archbishop of that country. Most of all, we should pray that God would strengthen and sustain the Christians of Uganda that they may be faithful in their witness for Christ during this time of trial."

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. was elected Moderator-in-nomination for the May, 1977 Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 10:30 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 10:45 A.M.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr. The report and its recommendations were adopted.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, the Council has taken the following actions:

1. As authorized by previous action of Presbytery, the 10-acre tract of land at Weddington and Matthews Roads in Mecklenburg County has been conveyed to Providence Acres, Inc.

2. Council has completed its internal organization by appointing the following chairmen of Council Committees:

Budget and Finance	Lewis W. Bledsoe
Property	G. Carswell Hughs
Staff	Forney E. Michael
Stewardship	Richard P. Shaw

3. Chairmen of each Presbytery Committee have been asked to report their 1977 goals to Council, and will be asked to keep Council informed of their progress during the year, with a view to coordinating activities of all committees.

4. Council has voted to send the Chairman of Council or his alternate to an Impact meeting in Washington, D. C. on March 6-9, to study strength in the whole program of the church.

5. There was an uncommitted balance of $18,530.38 in the benevolence budget at the end of 1976. Council has voted to allocate $3,324.49 of these funds to meet a 1976 Deployment and Sustentation Commitment, the exact amount of which has not yet been determined. $205.89 has already been earmarked for the Vietnamese family which is receiving Presbytery assistance. The remaining sum of $15,000.00 is retained to meet early 1977 expenses, in accordance with past practice.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Presbytery hear a report of the General Presbyter, Robert J. James.

2. That Presbytery hear the report of the Synod Men's Council by Fred C. Holder.

3. That Presbytery hear the report of Lawrence I. Stell, Director of the Mecklenburg-Haiti Capital Funds Campaign.

4. That Presbytery, in consideration of $100.00 paid by the N. C. State Highway Department, authorize its Trustees to sign appropriate papers with the state relinquishing 5 feet of property along Highway 52 (Stanly County Property) so as to allow a widening of the road and the placing of curbs and gutters.

5. That Presbytery authorize its Trustees to join in that proposed deed from the Trustees of Unionville Presbyterian Church to William R. Simpson conveying 1.41 acres of the Unionville tract for purposes of conveying their reversionary interest and passing a clear title to the purchaser.

Also, that The Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to grant a right of way to State Board of Transportation over the northerly portion of the original Unionville tract to release the previously granted right of way from any cloud of the reversionary interest; and

Further, that the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to sign a quit claim deed conveying any interest they may have in a 5.33 acre parcel to the present owners, Raymond R. Medlin and wife, who bought it from the Trustees of Unionville Presbyterian Church in order to release this parcel from the reversionary interest and clear up the title of the owners.

6. Adopted the Treasurer's Report which was presented by Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman of Budget and Finance. Also included in this item was the Annual Mecklenburg Presbytery Statistical Summary for the church year 1976, which was adopted.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—CENTRAL TREASURER BENEVOLENCES—FINANCIAL REPORT—1976

BAL. January 10,1976		$ 19,798.86
RECEIPTS		
Benevolences (Budgeted) From:		
Churches	$881,873.74	
Interest: Presbyterian Foundation		
S. P. Alexander Trust Fund	387.72	
Charles M. Boyd Memorial Fund	2,848.05	
Camp Stewart Fund	4,479.41	
A.R.P. Presbytery	1,050.00	
N. C. Sales Tax Refund	451.78	
Miscellaneous	804.28	
Sub-Total	$891,894.98	
Benevolences (Non Budgeted)		
Assembly		
Christian Witness	$ 55,482.97	
Hunger—Relief	25,094.64	
World Day of Prayer	6.90	
CROP	126.95	
Mission Projects (Designated)	3,070.00	
Friends of Seminary	10.00	
American Indian (Bicentennial)	3,185.82	
Reformation Day	3,583.00	
American Bible Society	304.03	
Montreat-Anderson College	400.00	
Sub-Total	$ 91,264.31	
Synod		
Presbyterian Home, High Point	$ 4,528.39	
Presbyterian Home, Charlotte	212.77	
Barium Springs (Thanksgiving)	18,770.76	
Queens College	37.50	
Sub-Total	$ 23,549.42	
Presbytery		
Alexander Children's Center	$ 1,012.50	
Vietnamese Refugee Family	684.90	
Seigle Ave. Hot Meals & Work	3,012.50	
Gideon International	109.75	
Crisis Assistance	116.67	
Bible Program: East Mecklenburg School	100.00	
W.O.C. Birthday, Scholarships, etc.	3,047.02	
Presbyterian Family Life Center	2,500.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
Sub-Total	$ 11,083.34	
Independence Ride	$ 11,821.50	
Cont. Education Registrations	250.00	
Don Griggs Workshop	1,385.00	
Mecklenburg—Haiti Campaign	1,757.55	
Special: Com. on Minister	1,284.00	
Miscellaneous	474.20	
Sub-Total	16,972.25	1,034,764.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$1,054,563.16

Brought Forward:		$1,054,563.16
DISBURSEMENTS		
I. GENERAL MISSION BOARD		
Budgeted	$364,751.63	
Non Budgeted	91,264.31	
II. SYNOD OF N. C.		
Budgeted	300,000.00	
Non Budgeted	23,549.42	
III. MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY		
A. Commission on Minister	2,849.39	
B. Council	22,120.74	
C. Court Meetings	220.00	
D. Deployment/Sustentation	100,666.50	
E. Institutional Ministries	22,840.05	
F. Christian Education	25,163.46	
G. Pre-Ordination & Examination	11,554.11	
H. Pre-Ordination In Service Tr.	47.48	
I. Specialized Ministry	23,016.24	
J. Research/Strategy	2,089.45	
K. World Missions	1,462.24	
L. Task Force on Hunger	1,660.89	
M. Task Force on Counseling	11,632.00	
N. Worship	150.24	
O. Personnel	98.90	
P. Bicentennial	224.11	
Designated Causes	13,909.60	
Vietnamese Refugee Family	2,534.25	
Independence Ride	11,174.50	
Mecklenburg-Haiti Campaign	1,769.27	
Special Fund: Com. on Minister	1,284.00	
Mecklenburg-Haiti (Benevolences)	3,324.49	1,039,357.27
BALANCE END OF PERIOD—January 10, 1977		$ 15,205.89

SUMMARY

BUDGETED BENEVOLENCES				
General Assembly	$368,561.00			
Through Presbytery		$364,751.63		
Direct by Churches		3,809.37	$368,561.00	100%
Synod of N. C.	300,000.00		300,000.00	100%
Mecklenburg Presbytery	248,351.00		226,123.25	91%
	$916,912.00		$894,684.25	98%

BUSINESS FUND

BAL. JANUARY 10, 1976		$ 648.56
RECEIPTS:		
From: Churches	$107,837.75	
Interest: S. B. Alexander Trust	5,562.10	
N. C. Sales Tax Refund	156.55	113,556.40
		$114,204.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Office of General Presbyter		
Salaries	$ 40,888.52	
Annuity	4,787.04	
Hospitalization	1,097.70	
Postage-Materials	4,505.02	
Discretionary Fund	1,324.78	
Telephone	1,956.29	
Study Allowance	65.00	
Sub-Total	$ 54,624.35	
General Presbytery Expense		
G.M.B. Assessment	$ 32,869.00	
Synod Assessment	19,029.00	
Hosting Presbytery	1,000.00	
Presbytery Minutes	5,267.21	
Parking—Staff	640.55	
Assistant Clerk	225.00	
Sub-Total	$ 59,030.76	
Check Returned	195.84	113,850.95
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD: January 10, 1977		$ 354.01

SAVINGS ACCOUNT—FIRST UNION

Balance January 10, 1976		
Benevolences		
Funds: Sale Nations Ford Rd. Property	$ 79,384.97	
Business Fund	3,335.98	$ 82,720.95
RECEIPTS:		
Interest		171.38
		$ 82,892.33
DISBURSEMENTS		
Benevolences: To: Capital Funds	$ 79,384.97	79,384.97
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD January 10, 1977		$ 3,507.30

COMPARATIVE REPORT: 1975-1976

	Benevolences		Business Fund	
	1975	**1976**	**1975**	**1976**
TOTAL GIVING	$1,046,630.10	$1,054,563.16	$104,462.40	$114,204.96

CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN

Financial Statement

December 1, 1975-December 31, 1976

BAL. DEC. 1, 1975		$ .00
RECEIPTS		
Campaign (Expenses)		
From: Presbyterian Development Fund	$ 6,928.02	
From: NCNB Stock	3,367.74	
Interest	333.68	
Interest: Transfer from Haiti and Church Extension Funds	4,870.96	
Sub-Total	$ 15,500.40	

Haiti Development		
Contributions from churches	$ 60,591.57	
Sale: Nations Ford Rd. Property (10%)	7,938.50	
Sub-Total	$ 68,530.07	
Church Extension		
Sale: Nations Ford Rd. Property (90%)	$ 71,446.47	
Sale: Weddington Rd. Property	22,500.00	
Contributions from Churches	8,119.39	
Sub-Total	$102,065.86	186,096.33
DISBURSEMENTS		
Campaign Expenses		
Supplies	$ 3,370.34	
Travel	155.03	
Committee Expense	114.06	
Director	4,528.65	
Secretary	2,054.62	
Parking	62.75	
Sub-Total	$ 10,285.45	
Haiti Development		
GMB (Account No. 3249)	$ 10,000.00	
Sub-Total	$ 10,000.00	
Church Extension		
Register of Deeds	$ 22.50	
Sub-Total	22.50	20,307.95
BAL. END OF PERIOD		$165,788.38*

***SUMMARY**

Campaign Expenses	$ 5,214.95
Haiti Development	58,530.07
Church Extension	102,043.36
	$165,788.38

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

CHURCH YEAR—1976

Ruling Elders	1312
Deacons	896
Profession of Faith	575
Other Gains	1504
Losses	2240
Communicants	33,930
Adult Baptisms	163
Infant Baptisms	381
Church School Enrollment	19,369

1. Balance on Hand January 1, 1976	$ 932,893
2. Regular Contributions	6,296,063
3. Building/Capital Fund Receipts	985,431
4. Other Contributions	578,519
5. Total Contributions	7,860,013
6. Presbytery Aid	96,612
No Number 8	
9. Total Income	8,482,425
7. Borrowed	525,800

10. Local Program	4,593,546
11. Local Mission	488,608
12. Per Capita Unless Paid by Presbytery	92,054
13. Building/Capital Fund Expenditures	2,129,490
14. Presbytery Program and Missions	243,907
15. Presbytery Non-Budgeted Causes	102,560
16. Synod Program and Mission	242,541
17. Synod Non-Budgeted Causes	142,008
18. Assembly Program and Mission	391,512
19. Assembly Non-Budgeted Causes	192,687
20. Other	83,363
21. Total Benevolences	1,979,240
22. Total Current Expense	6,723,036
23. Total Expenditures	8,702,276
24. Balance on Hand December 31, 1976	605,598
25. Properties Value	34,917,029
26. Mortgages Balance	3,126,364

The report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee was made by Chairman C. L. Cheshire, Jr. and adopted.

A. **SUSTENTATION OF CHURCHES SCHEDULE FOR 1977**		
1. Amay James	$ 6,000.00	
2. W. H. Belk	2,100.00	
3. Calvary	6,000.00	
4. Seigle Avenue	20,400.00	
5. South Tryon	10,000.00	
6. Smallwood	13,500.00	
7. Locust	7,000.00	
8. Stephenson	4,050.00	
9. Marshville	7,000.00	
10. Undesignated	1,500.00	
	$ 77,550.00	
B. **EXTENSION**		
1. Indian Trail	$ 5,000.00	3rd of 3: grant
2. Quail Hollow	10,000.00	3rd of 3: loan
3. Carmel	10,000.00	2nd of 3: loan
	$ 25,000.00	
C. CONTINGENCY	$ 1,000.00	
TOTAL	$103,550.00	

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Eldon D. Wadsworth, and adopted.

The Commission on the Minister met on December 14, 1976 and January 18, 1977. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery:

1. A motion was adopted that the Commission remind the ministers of the importance of making a will and urge every minister to make a will immediately, if he/she has not done so.
2. Mecklenburg Presbytery meeting at the Philadelphia Church on November 16, 1976, took the following action. "Mecklenburg Presbytery asks the Commission on the Minister to study issues raised by

the Evaluation and Review Committee with regard to the practice of re-baptism in the St. Giles Church."

Following this directive the Commission asked Dr. O'Shields to appear before the Commission. Mr. Stan Elrod, Vice Moderator and Mrs. James McCorkle, Clerk of Session, of the St. Giles Church, also appeared. Dr. O'Shields stated to the Commission that he had in fact re-baptized some people during the years 1972-74, but only after conferring with them carefully. But after the 1975 General Assembly meeting at Queens College, Charlotte, reaffirmed the position of our church that baptism is to be administered but once, Dr. O'Shields stated that he stopped the practice of re-baptism. While he did not believe the position taken by the church was correct, he would submit to his brethren in the Lord, and if there came a time when he could no longer do that he would report such change in his position to the Commission immediately.

3. The Commission expressed appreciation to the retiring Chairman, Dr. Zane Moore, for the excellent work he had done as Chairman. The latest translation of the Bible, **Today's English Version,** was given to him as a token of appreciation. Appreciation was also expressed to Henry Robinson and Mac Brown, who were completing their service to the Commission.

4. At his own request, and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission voted to dissolve the Pastoral relationship of the Rev. James A. Cannon with the First Union Church effective January 18, 1977, in order that he might accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner, S. C., Presbytery of Charleston, Synod of the Southeast, and that a letter of transfer of his membership be sent to that Presbytery.

5. The Commission received Rev. Glenn Robinson's report on the work of the Administrative Commission for First Union Church and voted to express appreciation for the excellent work of the Administrative Commission and to offer support and assistance in any way that may be helpful.

The Commission on the Minister makes the following recommendations:

1. Under the provision of the BCO,15-4, in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and upon the request of the Session, the Commission recommends that Robert C. Benson be appointed Stated Supply, and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Beulah Church for 1977.

2. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint The Rev. Henry Robinson as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session and Interim Supply of the Banks Church until March 31, 1977.

3. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint the Rev. Bill Nelson as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session and Interim Supply of the Ridgecrest Church until March 31, 1977.

4. At his own request, and with concurrence of the Presbytery of Piedmont, Synod of the Southwest, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery grant the Rev. Edward B. Cooper permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as Interim Associate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, S. C., from January 15 through April 15, 1977.

5. The Terms of Call of the Sugaw Creek Church to Rev. Robert J. McMullen, Jr., were found in order, and the Commission voted

to recommend to Presbytery that the call be placed in his hands, pending his examination and approval by Presbytery, and that a commission be appointed to install him as pastor. The Terms of Call are:

COMPENSATION

Salary	$17,000.00

Free Use of Manse

All Utilities (except long distance telephone calls) provided.

Group Life and Major Medical Ins. for Minister and Family. Full Dues to Ministers' Annuity Fund.

PROFESSIONAL ALLOWANCES

Automobile Allowance	2,300.00
Continuing Education Allowance	400.00

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Moving Expenses to the Field

One Month Paid Vacation

Two Weeks Annual Study Leave with Pay

Annual Review of the Terms of this Call with Consideration of increase or decrease in the cost of living.

6. The Commission voted to recommend to Presbytery that the following proposed changes be approved in the Terms of Call of ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery:

CHANGES IN TERMS OF CALL

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
Albemarle	Harold McKeithen	Salary	15,000	16,210
		Auto All.	1,980	2,000
	Leroy Gwaltney, III	Auto All.	1,200	1,500
		Utl. & Hou.	4,000	5,000
Albemarle Road	Richard Shaw	Salary	11,500	11,850
		Auto	1,800	1,900
	Leonard Topping	Salary	2,400	1,200
		Hou. All.	1,200	1,400
	Special for Ministers' Annuity			5493
Altan-Bethany	Roger P. Melton	Salary	8,600	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Amay James	M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	Salary	8,600	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Avondale	John Haley	Salary	15,000	13,200
		Housing	3,600	5,400
Badin	George Hunter	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,400	1,500
		Utilities	600	900
Benton Heights	J. Craig Butler	Salary	8,800	9,500
		Auto	1,600	1,800
Bethel-Cornelius	J.E. Wayland, Jr.	Salary	8,745	9,620
		Housing	2,000	2,100
		Con. Ed.	300	500
Bethlehem	Robert S. Maclin	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Beulah—Lee Park	Robert C. Benson	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
Caldwell Memorial	C. L. Kirby	Salary	13,200	14,500
Calvary	Frank C. Wilkinson	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Camden-Morven	Denny Dennison	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,500	2,129
		Utilities	600	992
Carmel	J. W. Ligon	Salary	14,000	15,000
		Con. Ed.	300	200
Central Steele Creek	Zane M. Moore	Salary	12,300	13,300
		Auto	1,800	2,100
Charlotte First	G. Carswell Hughs	Salary	17,280	19,080
	Scott Lindsay	Salary	10,600	11,600
		Housing	3,600	4,200
Christ	Robert Rayburn	Salary	10,000	10,300
		Con. Ed.		200
Cooks Memorial	W. R. Aughinbaugh	Salary	10,440	10,800
		Auto	1,200	1,500
		Con. Ed.	200	250
Covenant	D. W. Oldenburg	Salary	17,976	19,476
	(Deferred Compensation)		2,000	2,000
	Wm. B. Ward	Housing	4,200	4,800
	(Deferred Compensation)		1,500	1,800
	Fred R. Horner	Salary	12,621	12,720
		Housing	4,100	4,800
	Earle D. Roberts	Salary	12,402	12,600
		Housing	4,200	4,800
Davidson College	John B. Rogers, Jr.	Salary	12,750	13,500
		Auto	1,500	1,740
East	Robert S. Hough	Auto	2,320	3,320
Forest Hill	Wm. G. Katibah	Salary	12,500	13,400
		Con. Ed.	200	300
Hickory Grove	Jennings B. Reid	Salary	10,500	10,750
		Utilities	950	1,100
Hopewell	Eldon D. Wadsworth	Salary	10,600	11,600
		Auto	2,000	2,200
	Vernon H. Dodd	Salary	9,000	9,700
Huntersville	John A. Wilkerson, Jr.	Salary	11,100	12,000
		Utilities	1,000	1,300
Indian Trail	Edward C. Wilson	Salary	8,800	10,400
		Auto	1,200	1,600
		Con. Ed.	200	250
		Utilities	910	1,300
		S.S. Allow.	592	604
Johnston Memorial	Paul A. Horne	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Locust	J. Arthur Beard	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,600
Mallard Creek	Kenneth P. Craig	Salary	12,966	13,614
		Auto	1,450	1,700
Marshville	Donald E. Stroud	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
McGee	John A. Luddy, Jr.	Salary	9,000	9,500

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
McQuay Memorial	Finley Grissett	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Memorial	Larry Kline	Salary	9,000	9,600
		Auto	1,400	1,500
Monroe First	William Edwards, II	Salary	10,600	11,130
Mulberry	W. A. Dysard, Jr.	Salary	10,695	11,350
		Auto	1,500	1,800
Myers Park	J. Randolph Taylor	Salary	22,000	22,660
	A. G. Peery, Jr.	Salary	9,000	9,400
	Margaret Peery	Salary	9,000	9,400
Newell	Kenneth E. Woodard	Salary	10,800	11,340
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Norwood	J. E. Ratchford	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Pageland-Salem	Wilbur G. Maxwell	Salary	9,000	9,450
		Con. Ed.	150	300
Paw Creek	Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	Salary	11,300	12,000
		Auto	2,500	2,700
		Con. Ed.	-0-	200
Philadelphia	Russell M. Kerr	Salary	11,760	12,500
		Auto	1,400	1,500
Plaza	Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	Salary	13,000	13,850
Pleasant Hill	Roy Coker	Salary	9,959	10,457
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Providence	G. Wallace Johnson	Salary	10,800	12,000
Quail Hollow	Marcus Prince, III	Salary	10,600	11,130
		Utilities		1,126
Ramah	Glenn L. Hill	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Robinson	Howard Smith	Salary	10,500	11,100
		Con. Ed.	200	400
St. Andrews	Charles A. Norwood	Salary	8,800	10,000
		Auto	1,200	Auto Furnished
		Housing	2,640	3,000
St. Giles	F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	Housing	-0-	1,101
St. John	James H. Sell, Jr.	Auto	1,500	1,590
Sardis	T. W. Tucker	Salary	15,512	16,360
		Soc. Security		652
	Robert E. Smith	Salary	10,470	10,938
		Housing	4,100	4,200
		Utilities	1,000	1,100
		Soc. Security		652
Seigle Avenue	Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	Salary	8,800	9,400
Sharon	John McKinnon	Salary	14,000	14,500
Selwyn Avenue	Neil M. McMillan	Salary	12,960	13,920
	Thomas K. Reinowski	Auto	1,200	1,500
		Utilities	540	1,040
Smallwood	E. E. Washington	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
Steele Creek	Lewis Bledsoe	Salary	16,300	17,300
Thomasboro	Jeff T. Kesterson	Salary	12,000	12,500
		Auto	1,500	1,800
Turner-Siler	A. Merrell Keith	Salary	10,500	11,000
		Auto	1,800	2,300
		Utilities	900	1,200
		Con. Ed.	300	450
Wadesboro	C. Linwood Cheshire	Salary	10,500	11,000
Walkersville	C. D. Elyea	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,320	1,500
Waxhaw	W. D. Morton	Salary	8,800	9,400
		Auto	1,200	1,500
Westminister	Harry Philips	Salary	12,000	10,800
		Housing	4,800	6,000
		Utilities		1,800
Westover Hills	Robert J. Garment	Salary	8,950	9,400
Williams Memorial	Robert E. Burnett	Salary	9,450	10,000
		S.S. Allow.	1,000	1,030

The Commission on the Minister met on February 8, 1977. The following action was taken and is reported to Presbytery:

1. In compliance with the BCO 21-2(1), the Commission on the Minister reports that as of February 1, 1977, there were 145 ministers on the roll of Mecklenburg Presbytery and that they were engaged in the following categories:

Honorably Retired	33
Pastors & Associate Pastors	81
Adm. Church Court	3
Prof. & Adm. Church Institution	10
Chaplain Mil. Service	2
Laboring Outside Bounds (ecclesiastical and/or geographical)	15
	145

The Commission on the Minister makes the following recommendations:

1. At his own request, and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship of The Rev. J. Arthur Beard with the Locust Presbyterian Church effective March 31, 1977, and to recommend to Presbytery that he be designated as Honorably Retired.

2. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint the Rev. Linwood Cheshire as Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Hawley Memorial Church for the year 1977.

3. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint the Rev. R. H. Poole as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Clanton Memorial Church from January 1 through June 30, 1977.

4. In connection with the Commission's concern to encourage ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery to make wills, the Commission voted to

recommend that Presbytery hear Dr. Warner Hall for 8-10 minutes speaking on this matter.

—Additional Changes in Terms of Call—

CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM		TO
South Tryon	A. Rudolph Hendricks	Salary	8,800	10,000
		Auto	1,200	1,500
		Hou. All	1,700	1,775
		Utilities	850	900

—Additions and Corrections to Previous Report—

Carmel	J. W. Ligon (addition)	Con. Ed.	300	200
Covenant	D. W. Oldenburg	Salary	17,976	19,476
	(Deferred Compensation)		2,000	2,000
Indian Trail	Edward C. Wilson	Salary	8,800	10,400
		Auto	1,200	1,600
		Con.Ed.	200	250
		Utilities	910	1,300
		S.S. Allow.	592	604

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after Lunch, Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee.

T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Minister Transfers, presented Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Pastor-Elect of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church, now of Atlanta Presbytery, for examination with a view toward reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Mr. McMullen. He made a statement concerning his Christian experience, and was examined as to his views on theology, the sacraments, and Church Government. Opportunity was given for questions to be asked from the floor. The examination was sustained in its several parts and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. McMullen was placed in his hands and by him accepted. (See the Report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of this call). He was then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers.

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Candidates, presented Lanny Vincent, a second year student at Yale Divinity School, and a member of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, and Lewis Williams, a first year student at Davidson College, and a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, with a view toward reception as candidates under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mr. Vincent and Mr. Williams were examined on their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory, and Presbytery adopted a motion that Mr. Vincent and Mr. Williams be admitted as candidates for the ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

French B. O'Shields, Jr., Pastor of St. Giles Church, offered a prayer on behalf of Mr. Vincent and Mr. Williams, seeking God's blessings upon them as they continue their preparation for the Gospel ministry, and W. Rush Otey, III, Assistant Pastor of Davidson College Church, delivered a charge to the candidates. Following the charge they then signed the Roll Book of Candidates for the Ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. made a statement to Presbytery concerning the current status of the recently developed written examination..

The report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee was adopted as a whole.

L. I. Stell, Chairman, presented the report of the Personnel Committee. The first three sections of the report were adopted.

1. The Personnel Committee recommends a change in the Manual of Presbytery. In chapter VI, Section 6-1(b), line 3, change the word November to September.

Action by this meeting of Presbytery will be on the FIRST READING. The final action by the next stated meeting of Presbytery approving, will give time for the change to become effective this September.

2. The Committee makes the following nominations to fill vacancies:

Interpretation Committee

William A. Dysard, Jr., Class of 1978,
to replace Neely McCarter, resigned.
Mrs. James C. Helms, Jr., Class of 1977,
(Philadelphia), to replace Betty McEwen, resigned.

Deployment and Sustentation

John A. Haley, Class of 1979, to replace
William B. Ward, resigned.

Board of Directors, Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

Mrs. Douglas MacGregor, Class of 1977, (Sharon)
to replace Robert Utsman, resigned.

Research and Strategy Committee

Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Class of 1977, to replace
Daniel Brooks (Carmel), resigned, as Chairman.
Mrs. Robert Brown (Charlotte First), Class of 1977,
to replace Daniel Brooks (Carmel), resigned as
a member of the Committee.

Task Force on Hunger

Harry Philips and Mrs. David Phillips (Forest Hill)
to replace Frank Bynum (St. Giles) and James
Williams (Monroe First), resigned.

3. The Committee recommends that Presbytery place the members of the Haiti Development Commission in classes. Since this is an ad hoc commission, we recommend that the classes be for four year terms and that the members be eligible to succeed themselves. The list below includes the change of LaFontine Odom from advisory member to full member of the commission. Further that Dr. Douglas Oldenburg be continued as Chairman, Rev. Harold McKeithen as vice-chairman, and Austin Thies as Secretary.

HAITI DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

	Teaching Elders	**Ruling Elders**	**Advisory**
1977	Rev. James McKinnon	Mrs. Henry Harkey Mr. Sam Ryburn	Mr. David Beach
1978	Rev. T. W. Tucker	Mr. Austin Thies Dr. William Sugg	Mr. Paul Brown
1979	Dr. Douglas Oldenburg Rev. Harold McKeithen	Mrs. Hugh Verner Mr. LaFontine Odom	Dr. Harold Hope

The report also included the presentation to Presbytery of nominees for Commissioners to the 1977 General Assembly and for a Youth Delegate, together with information on each nominee. There were additional nominations from the floor.

The results of the voting for Commissioners to the 1977 General Assembly were as follows:

MINISTERS

Principals: C. Frank Jacks, Jr. Zane M. Moore, Jennings B. Reid, William B. Ward, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Charles L. Kirby, Robert E. Smith, Jr.

Alternates: Robert L. Morgan, Jr., J. Ed Wayland, Jr., Robert E. Burnett, Robert S. Hough, Glenn L. Hill, John A. Luddy, Jr., H. Louis Patrick.

RULING ELDERS

Principals: Forney E. Michael (Paw Creek). Carson Y. Conder (St. John), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza), D. Brice Gettys (Monroe First), William B. Young (Central Steele Creek). Mrs. Marjorie B. Smith (Steele Creek), Thomas H. Whitley (Morven).

Alternates: John W. Rosebro (Covenant), Curtis J. Parker (South Tryon). N. J. Owens (Christ). Mrs. E. G. Cochrane (Selwyn Avenue). Donald L. Haas, (First Union), Miss Lillian Currie (Camden), Robert C. Hinkle (Badin).

YOUTH DELEGATE

Principal: Robert Cathey (Third) Davidson College, Davidson, N. C. 28036.

Alternate: Cathy Young (Paw Creek) 231 Mellwood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28214.

Recess was taken at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was continued at 3:15 P.M.

The report of the First Union Church Administrative Commission was submitted by Glenn B. Robinson, Chairman. The report was received as information with the understanding that a copy of the report will be admitted to the permanent records of the Commission on the Minister and be filed in Presbytery's Office.

Neil M. McMillan presented the following motion which was adopted: That the General Presbyter ordinarily shall be a participant in administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the February meetings of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The following Commission to install Robert J. McMullen, Jr. as Pastor of the Sugaw Creek Church was appointed:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL R. J. McMULLEN, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE SUGAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1977 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions
J. Randolph Taylor, To preach the Sermon
W. M. Boyce, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
Kenneth P. Craig, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor
T. W. Tucker

RULING ELDERS:

Thomas W. Hunter (Sugaw Creek), To offer the Prayer
Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman (Plaza)
C. H. Wheatley (Selwyn Avenue)
George Stovall (Albemarle First)

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by J. David Fletcher. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Marcus B. Prince, III and adopted.

"We express our gratitude to our God for His guidance and direction upon this the 21st Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery held in the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.

"We rejoice with this congregation as they celebrate their 35th anniversary and thank them for allowing us to share in it with them through this meeting of Presbytery. We appreciate their kindness in taking care of our every need during this meeting. We extend special thanks to the women of the church for the delicious meal they prepared for us and for the refreshments that renewed us physically both in the morning and afternoon. We pray for God's continued guidance upon this congregation in its life, work and fellowship in the years to come and we all look forward to celebrating another anniversary with them in the future.

"We express our appreciation to our retiring moderator, Edward C. Wilson, for the capable leadership he offered our Presbytery in its former meetings and for the inspiring communion message with which we opened the meeting.

Our thanks also go to our present Moderator, Austin C. Thies, for the very capable way in which he conducted this meeting and moved us through the business which was before us on this day.

"To our General Presbyter, Robert J. James, and the members of his staff we express our gratitude for a job well done in 1976. We all offer our support and prayers to enable them to lead us in Mecklenburg Presbytery in an even more effective way in the work which God has given us to do for Him in this area and throughout the world."

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by Edward C. Wilson, the Chairman. The report was adopted:

OVERTURE
to the
One Hundred Seventeenth Meeting of the
General Assembly
Presbyterian Church in the United States
from the
Presbytery of Mecklenburg

WHEREAS: The **Book of Church Order** presents very limited information regarding the Standard Written Examinations,

WHEREAS: Officers and other persons throughout the church (particularly candidates for the ministry who wish to take the examinations) should have information readily available concerning the conduct of examinations, and

WHEREAS: The action of the 116th General Assembly pertaining to examinations (minutes pp. 170-173) needs constitutional authority for adequate implementation,

THEREFORE: The Presbytery of Mecklenburg overtures the 117th General Assembly to begin the process for amending the **Book of Church Order** by adding the following to paragraph 27-5 (1) after the sentence, "The grading and evaluation of the completed examination shall be done by appropriate committee of Presbytery."

(a) The written examination will be administered by the presbyteries. Each presbytery will arrange for these examinations to be given in a fashion appropriate to the needs of the presbytery and the candidates involved.

(b) A candidate seeking ordination will be given the written examination, and his/her answers evaluated, by the ordaining presbytery.

(c) A candidate who does not yet have a call may be given the written examination by the presbytery exercising care over the candidate. That presbytery will hold the answers until such time as the candidate receives a call, and then forward the answers to the ordaining presbytery.

(d) With the concurrence of the presbyteries involved, a candidate living in one presbytery but seeking ordination in, or being under care of, another presbytery can take the written examination in the presbytery in which he/she is living by having the presbytery in which he/she seeks ordination, or which is exercising care, request the presbytery closest to the candidate to administer the examination for it. In the case of a candidate seeking ordination, the answers will be sent to the ordaining presbytery for grading and evaluation. In the case of a candidate who does not have a call, the answers will be sent to the presbytery exercising care and held until the candidate receives a call, at which time they will be sent to the ordaining presbytery for grading and evaluation.

OVERTURE
to the
One Hundred Seventeenth Meeting of the
General Assembly
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from the
Presbytery of Mecklenburg

WHEREAS: The policy of our church concerning its standard written examinations for ordination is that "the examinations will ordinarily be given to a candidate only twice." (1976 G.A. Minutes, pg. 172,) and

WHEREAS: These examinations are intended to measure only intellectual and academic performance to the exclusion of any other elements relating to the fitness of the candidate for the office of the ministry, and

WHEREAS: Examinations for certification in other professions are traditionally and theoretically repeatable, since the learning they intend to measure may always be increased and the attainment of a sufficient degree of knowledge cannot be denied **a priori,** and

WHEREAS: The Church ought not to place any unnecessary impediment or judgment before the call to the ministry, and ought to hope for and be willing to recognize improvement in the scholarly performance of candidates,

THEREFORE: The Presbytery of Mecklenburg overtures the 117th General Assembly to set aside the provision that the examinations in question will ordinarily be given only twice.

The following statement was presented by Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman of the International Missions Committee, and adopted by Presbytery.

Whereas, this is the Season of Christian Witness in our churches;

Whereas, our missionaries and their co-workers in Christ around the world need our support;

Whereas, we have earlier adopted a resolution for prayer for the Christians in Uganda;

Whereas, there is a renewal of interest in International Missions throughout our Church;

Be it resolved, that Mecklenburg Presbytery enter into a period of prayer now by the Presbyters for the cause of International Missions and the witness of the world-wide Church of Christ.

Presbytery adopted the following motion: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this Meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The members stood and the Moderator led the closing prayer. Neil M. McMillan pronounced the benediction.

The Presbytery stood adjourned to meet at the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church on May 24, 1977.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twenty-Second Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 24, 1977

The Presbytery convened on the above date in the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church at 9:00 A.M.

The Opening Worship was conducted by Roger P. Melton. The message, "A Layman's Concern," was delivered by the Retiring Moderator, Austin C. Thies.

Memorials to The Reverend S. M. Busch and The Reverend John A. Carriker, prepared by Edward B. Cooper and T. W. Tucker, were read by Wilbur G. Maxwell and M. B. Prince, Jr. The Memorials were adopted and admitted to the record.

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND SAMUEL MONROE BUSCH

After a long and useful life in the service of his Lord, Samuel Monroe Busch entered his heavenly home on March 5, 1977 at the age of 66 years. It was then that he heard the words of his Master whom he had served with great devotion extend the greeting, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord."

An honorably retired member of Mecklenburg Presbytery, he was born on March 5, 1911 in Johnston, South Carolina to Dr. R. S. and Josie Amaker Busch. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter, South Carolina, and on August 1, 1935 was united in marriage to Miss Bernice Anderson of Pageland, South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, and one son, Samuel Monroe Busch, Jr. of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Mr. Busch spent three years in the United States Army as an enlisted man with the Seventh Convalescent Hospital from January 1943 to January 1946.

His education for his calling into the ministry was completed as he graduated from the University of South Carolina and Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia.

He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Locust and Indian Hill Presbyterian Churches on July 2, 1957. In these two churches he served with great effectiveness for ten years, not only endearing himself to the members of his flocks, but also to the two communities in which these churches were located. He resigned to accept the call of the Allison Creek Presbyterian Church in York, South Carolina in August 1967, but after only two years in this church resigned from the active ministry for reasons of health.

Mr. Busch's ministry was one of great devotion to His Lord and to his churches. Especially noteworthy was his pastoral work and his leadership. His members soon came to love him and his wife, because of his unceasing affection and attention to them as he ministered to their needs, sympathized with them in their troubles and sorrows, and encouraged them in the work of the Lord. He proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ in all of its fullness, and endeared himself to all ages as one who was constantly concerned about them and their spiritual welfare. As the Apostle Paul said of himself, so it could be said of Monroe Busch that he "served the Lord with all humility of mind . . . and kept back nothing that was profitable unto them, but taught them publicly and from house to house . . . testifying of repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:19-21)

Monroe Busch demonstrated his leadership in the three churches he served in his active ministry by directing them in the improvement and enlargement of their facilities. During his tenure in the Locust Church a beautiful, new Sanctuary was erected, and an Educational Building with ten classrooms and a Pastor's Study. All of this was almost completely paid for during the course of his ministry there.

In the Indian Hill Church a Fellowship Hall and one classroom were built, and plans laid for additional rooms. The Church dedicated the Fellowship Hall in his honor in 1970, and the classrooms in honor of Dr. Q. N. Huneycutt who was serving as Interim Pastor when they were completed. The Indian Hill Church had fully paid off its indebtedness before Mr. Busch left his pastorate.

At the Allison Creek Church some renovation was done to the Sanctuary to provide for a choir loft, and a new organ was purchased and paid for during his brief ministry in this church.

Monroe Busch speaks to us ministers as one who followed the example of his blessed Lord and Saviour who said of Himself that He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." (Matthew 20:28) His twelve years of service so endeared him to the members of his congregations and the people of the communities in which he served that they still often speak of him in loving terms, and indicate that they will never forget him and his family for what he meant to them.

A Memorial Service for Samuel Monroe Busch was conducted in the Locust Presbyterian Church on Monday, March 7, 1977 by ministers of Mecklenburg and Fayetteville Presbyteries with Dr. J. Arthur Beard, Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence, the Rev. Ben Ferguson, and the Rev. W. G. Maxwell officiating. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Locust Church.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg in session at the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church of Charlotte on May 24, 1977 would record its gratitude to God for the life and ministry of Monroe Busch, and its sorrow over the passing of a friend and brother in the Lord. It would extend its love and sympathy to his wife and son, and pray that the comfort and peace of God's abiding presence would be theirs in these days.

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND JOHN ANDERSON CARRIKER

John Anderson Carriker was born on November 3, 1892, in the Rocky River Community of Cabarrus County. His mother was Nina Blackwelder; his father was Alpha Lafayette Carriker. His parents died when he was 1½ years old. The paternal grandmother, aunts, and an uncle cared for him until he was five years old. At that time he became the first inhabitant of the baby cottage at Barium Springs Orphanage. He later became a boarding student at Elise High School at Robbins, North Carolina. In 1911 he entered Davidson College, graduating in 1915. He graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1918.

John Carriker served briefly in the service during World War I, and then began his first pastorate in Hopkins, Missouri. Later pastorates included: Redding, California; Seattle, Washington; Terrace, British Columbia; Elizaville, Kentucky; Clifton, Kansas; Weirton, West Virginia; Marion, Ohio; and Edwards, Texas. It was during his Elizaville, Kentucky, pastorate that he met and married Elizabeth Dorsey on February 4, 1922.

In 1946 Mr. Carriker returned to his beloved North Carolina, serving pastorates at Indian Trail, Morris Field, and Eastminster in Mecklenburg Presbytery, and after retirement in 1961, supplying innumerable churches in this Presbytery. He rarely missed a single Sunday supplying pulpits. During the past three years he served as stated supply for the Banks Presbyterian Church where he was loved by all. He retired from an active preaching ministry in October of 1976.

John Anderson Carriker is survived by two sons: John Anderson Carriker, Jr. of Charlotte and Donald Mallory Carriker of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; and by one daughter: Mrs. Edmund (Betty) Clark, Jr. of Charlotte; and by six grandsons, three granddaughters, and three greatgrandsons. Three of his grandsons, David Carriker, Tim Carriker, and Dick Carriker, are currently candidates for the ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery. One grandson-in-law, Craig Butler, is the minister at the Benton Heights Presbyterian Church in Monroe.

Since the death of his wife in February of 1969, Mr. Carriker had devoted much time to touring this country and making trips overseas and sharing his movies with all who were interested. In recent years he had taken several raft trips down the Colorado River! At the time of his death at 84 years of age, he was planning a summer motor trip to Canada and Alaska!

This Memorial provides an opportunity for saying "Thanks be to God" for the remarkable faith in Jesus Christ that John Carriker lived and proclaimed, for the commendable life of service that he rendered to the kingdom of God, and for the amazing vitality of his life.

Thomas C. Bryan made a statement to Presbytery in recognition of Reverend J. S. Garner's sixty years of faithful and devoted service as a Minister of the Gospel, and the members of Presbytery stood in honor of this occasion.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, Craig Butler, C. Linwood Cheshire, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, W. B. Harold Corkey, Kenneth P. Craig, E. L. Daniel, Jr., Ralph Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, Robert J. Garment, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Leroy P. Gwaltney, III, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. F. Jacks, Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, William G. Katibah, Jr., Russell M. Kerr, A. M. Keith, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, W. L. Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, Wilbur G. Maxwell, Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, C. A. Norwood, D. W. Oldenburg, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Rod C. Shoemaker, H. Howard Smith, Robert E. Smith, H. E. Stoessel, Donald E. Stroud, J. Randolph

Taylor, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, Eldon D. Wadsworth, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, John E. Wayland, Jr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Frank C. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: John B. Rogers, Jr., Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Margaret B. Peery, Glenn L. Hill, French B. O'Shields, Jr., T. W. Tucker, Tom Reinowski, C. C. Cowsert, Leighton Ford, A. J. McKelway, Jr., J. W. Melton, Jr., John E. Smylie, F. A. Mathes, W. Chester Keller, Frank H. Caldwell.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: W. R. Otey, III, J. R. Crawford, D. L. Durway, T. A. Little, Jr., Neely McCarter, J. Dan Zeluff, Earle Roberts, Roger Melton, H. Louis Patrick.

RULING ELDERS: Forrest Gardner, Albemarle, First; Jerry Berry, W. T. Robinson, Albemarle Road; David L. Grier, Amay James; Mrs. Effie Favor, M. J. Hough, Avondale; P. C. Neumann, Badin; Ralph C. Kelley, Banks; Brennie E. Morrison, W. H. Belk; Bill Bost, Benton Heights; Leslie Kelly, Bethel; Hugh Harper, Bethlehem; Anne Bishop, Caldwell Memorial; Bobby Overcash, Calvary; J. Lloyd Baker, Jr., Central Steele Creek; Dolph M. Young, Jr., John C. MacNeill, Earl Berg, Charlotte, First; M. M. Pressley, Christ; Mrs. R. E. Davenport, Clanton Memorial; Wiley Duckworth, Don R. Monteith, Cook's Memorial; John W. Rosebro, Ben T. Vernon, Jr., Covenant; George L. Abernethy, Davidson College; Mrs. Homer Gordon, East; F. Arnold Jenkins, First Union; Roy Dayvault, Calvin C. Sloan, Forest Hill; Mary S. Ward, Hawley Memorial; Kenneth Hagler, Hickory Grove; Murray P. Parks, W. M. Barnette, Hopewell; Hillis L. Seay, Huntersville; Reuben Tomberlin, Indian Trail; Wallace Nance, Indian Hill; E. R. Hyde, Johnston Memorial; Coil W. Barbee, Locust; Wilson Jones, Alex S. Garrison, Mallard Creek; C. S. Boyce, Marshville; Robert C. Hunt, Matthews; Lionel Jolly, McQuay; Tom McCorkle, Memorial; Brice Gettys, Monroe, First; Mrs. Robert Thomas, Morven; Fred Miles, Mulberry; Norris Preyer, R. A. Bigger, Jr., Edward Baesel, Myers Park; Mrs. W. W. Glenn, Newell; Charlie V. Byrd, Norwood; Edith L. McLendon, Oakboro; Calvin Thaxton, Pageland; Brooks Love, R. Willis Cox, Paw Creek; James A. McKay, J. Harry Keziah, Philadelphia; Edward L. Maag, Edward B. Messer, Jr., Plaza; Warren Drye, Pleasant Hill; Mrs. Jane Hudson, Providence; Otis C. Gray, Ramah; Crawford Lambert, Ridgecrest; Byron Luna, Robinson; H. M. Irwin, St. Andrews; Mrs. John Agnew, Stan Elrod, St. Giles; Carson Y. Conder, St. John; Tom Moore, Salem; Richard R. Pierce, Jon R. Howell, Cynthia Harrison, Sardis; George Michie, Seigle Avenue; D. G. Kimbrell, A. C. Thies, Selwyn Avenue; Esther Brown, Sharon; Minnie Whitley, Smallwood; Jimmy Wallace, Siler; Claude McClinton, South Tryon; Leighton P. Brown, Mrs. O. J. Councilman, Steele Creek; Guy Privette, Stephenson; Thomas M. Brown, Wm. H. Tarrant, John Cartlidge, Sugaw Creek; Robert Lytle, Carl M. Finlanson, Third; Sam T. Peery, Thomasboro; George W. Simpson, Turner; Margaret Keith, Wadesboro, First; Robert L. McCain, Walkersville; W. A. McCorkle, Mildred McSpadden, Westminster; W. N. Davis, Waxhaw; Floyd Gardner, Westover Hills; Robert L. Puckett, Williams Memorial.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Amity, Quail Hollow, Albemarle First.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Cornelius, Lee Park, Beulah, Carmel, New Salem, McGee, Rehobeth, Smallwood, Trinity, Unionville, Bethany, Altan, Morven.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dottie Best, Sue Burton, Ruth Farrior, Carlita Hunter; Suzette Kincer, Jessica Layman, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund, Anne H. Vickers.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., was elected Moderator by acclamation.

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the Docket for this meeting of Presbytery, which was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—Austin C. Thies
   Memorials to: The Reverend S. M. Busch by E. B. Cooper
   The Reverend John A. Carriker by T. W. Tucker
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings), David E. Wilkinson
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements, Richard P. Shaw
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
   1. Bills and Overtures
   2. Attendance
   3. Tellers
   4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees)
   (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess.)
8. Nomination of Moderator (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Trustees, Robert C. Hord, Jr.
10. Report of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Jr.
11. Report of Commission on the Minister, Eldon D. Wadsworth
12. Report of Mecklenburg-Haiti Development Campaign, L. I. Stell
    (Second Order after Lunch)
13. Report of Mecklenburg-Haiti Development Commission, D. W. Oldenburg
    (Second order after Lunch)
14. Report of Personnel Committee, L. I. Stell
15. Report of Women of the Church (Special Order 12:20 P.M.)
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
16. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. (First Order after Lunch)
17. Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery
    1. Evaluation and Review—R. W. Rayburn
    2. Christian Education—Ken Craig
    3. Institutional Ministries—T. W. Massey, Jr., M.D.
    4. Research and Strategy—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
    5. Deployment and Sustentation—C. L. Cheshire, Jr.
    6. Specialized Ministry—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
    7. International Missions—Finley M. Grissett, Jr.
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.

18. Commissions to be Appointed
19. Unfinished Business: Attendance, Resolution of Thanks, Etc.
20. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
21. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Richard P. Shaw extended a cordial welcome to all those attending this meeting of Presbytery, and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

Bills and Overtures Committee
Austin C. Thies, Chairman (Selwyn Avenue)
Ed Messer (Plaza)
Mrs. Elizabeth Glenn (Newell)
John Haley
Roy Coker
Robert S. Hough

Tellers
Robert L. Morgan, Jr., Chairman
Fred Horner
Willis Cox (Paw Creek)
Arnold Jenkins (First Union)

Attendance Committee
J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Guy Privette (Stephenson)
Mrs. Margaret Keith (Wadesboro First)
Rod Shoemaker

Resolutions Committee
David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
M. B. Prince, Jr.
Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
N. J. Owens (Christ)
Bobby Overcash (Calvary)

The Stated Clerk presented the Communications as follows, with Items 1, 2, and 3 referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. PROPOSED OVERTURE TO THE 117TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

In order to stimulate the generosity of our members in their stewardship of accumulated possessions,

And to reassure them of our fiscal integrity, and willingness to handle their gifts responsibly,

And to assure potential donors that their gifts will bring strength to the work of the Church for the foreseeable future,

We respectfully overture the General Assembly to hold all bequests, unless immediate spending is stipulated, as permanent funds, with the income to be used for the Program of the Church in perpetuity.

Douglas W. Oldenburg Warner L. Hall

2.

The Session of the Covenant Presbyterian Church hereby overtures Mecklenburg Presbytery to submit the following Overture to the 117th General Assembly:

Whereas the Ad-Interim Committee on the Book of Confessions has spent eight years in diligent work in compiling the Book of Confessions and writing a contemporary Declaration of Faith, and

Whereas the 116th General Assembly voted in favor of the Book of Confessions by a six to one margin, and

Whereas almost two-thirds of the Presbyterians voted in favor of the Book of Confessions, and

Whereas the failure to receive an affirmative vote from three-fourths of the Presbyteries means that the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms remain the Constitutional standards of our Church, and

Whereas the Declaration of Faith has already been widely studied and used throughout the Church and found to be most helpful in liturgy and nurture in the Reformed Faith by many of our constituents, and

Whereas the Presbyterian Church in the United States must now move on to other critical issues on its denominational agenda,

Therefore, Mecklenburg Presbytery respectfully overtures the 117th General Assembly to adopt the Declaration of Faith as a contemporary statement of faith, to bind it with the Westminster standards and the Brief Statement of Belief (through the Office of the General Assembly), and to commend it for study and use throughout the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

3.

The Session of the Covenant Presbyterian Church hereby overtures Mecklenburg Presbytery to submit the following Overture to the 117th General Assembly:

Whereas appreciation has been expressed, even by those who voted against the Book of Confessions, for its educational value, and

Whereas this valuable body of educational material costs no more than the present edition of our Constitutional Standards,

Therefore, Mecklenburg Presbytery respectfully overtures the 117th General Assembly to continue to print and supply the entire Book of Confessions to the church with the clear information that only the Westminster Standards are constitutional and the other documents are provided for their general usefulness to the Church.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR ROBERT J. McMULLEN, JR. AS PASTOR OF SUGAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1977 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Commission met on Sunday, March 20, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: MINISTERS: Robert J. James, Chairman, W. M. Boyce, Kenneth P. Craig, J. Randolph Taylor, T. W. Tucker. RULING ELDERS: Thomas W. Hunter, Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman, C. H. Wheatley.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by T. W. Tucker. Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. C. H. Wheatley read the Scripture and T. W. Tucker had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by J. Randolph Taylor on the topic, "A Growing Ministry".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the

Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Sugaw Creek Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Robert J. McMullen, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church.

A prayer of installation was given by Thomas W. Hunter.

A charge to the Pastor was delivered by Kenneth P. Craig.

A charge to the Congregation was delivered by W. M. Boyce.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by W. M. Boyce.

Mrs. Howard F. Fesperman
Secretary

T. W. Tucker was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the September, 1977, meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed at 10:15 A.M.

The Court reassembled at 10:30 A.M.

The report of Presbytery's Council was made by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr. The two parts of the report, and the recommendations, were adopted and the report as a whole was adopted.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, the Council has taken the following actions:

1. On March 8, 1977, the Chairman of the Budget Committee, the Chairman of Council, and the General Presbyter attended the Tri-Court Consultation of representatives of all North Carolina Presbyteries, Synod of North Carolina, and General Assembly, to discuss proposed budgets of each Court represented. This mutual sharing of budget goals, resources, and special challenges was helpful to us in planning our budget proposals.
2. In accordance with earlier annual budgeting, as required by the 116th General Assembly, a budget will be submitted to Presbytery and its churches in September. This will be a challenge budget.
3. Through the diligence of Rev. T. W. Tucker and Rev. Charles Kirby, and the generosity of WBT-FM and its program director, Mr. Cullie Tarlton, the current Presbyterian segment of "The Protestant Hour" may be heard on WBT-FM at 7:30 A.M. on Sundays through mid-June.
4. Henceforth, each church will receive two copies and each minister will receive one copy of **Presbytery Minutes,** unless request is made of Presbytery office for additional copies.
5. The following resolution was passed and sent to the Christian Education Committee:

   RESOLVED, that Council request the Christian Education Committee to undertake an active relationship of review and consent with groups within Presbytery: Women of the Church, Men of the

Church, and Youth Organizations (in accordance with Manual of Presbytery, Section 5-1(2), page 14), and that these organizations be encouraged to secure persons from within the PCUS for all special events and programs whenever possible.

6. The following resolution was passed, pursuant to prior action of Presbytery:

   RESOLVED, that Presbytery loan to Memorial Presbyterian Church $5,090.00 now, and an additional $44,910.00 on or before May 1, 1977, under the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery on May 25, 1976 authorizing the $50,000.00 loan. This loan is to be made from funds in the Capital Funds account arising from the sale of properties.

An instrument acknowledging receipt of the funds and responsibility to repay under the terms set forth by Presbytery on May 25, 1976, was signed by authorized officers of Memorial Presbyterian Church, and received by the Stated Clerk.

7. A $10,000.00 bequest from the estate of the late W. E. Price has been received and added to the Capital Funds Campaign Fund for Church Extension in accordance with the terms of his will.
8. Council is considering possible ways to re-order Presbytery staff and procedures, in order to meet new challenges and handle day-to-day matters.
9. The Office Space Committee is carefully considering possible sites with a view to accessibility, functions, visibility, economy, etc. Under consideration is space available at institutions within the geographic boundaries of Presbytery, purchase or lease of existing space, and new construction. A full report will be forthcoming at the earliest possible time.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Presbytery adopt the resolution pertaining to sale of the property on Highway 74, near Indian Trail:

RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY REGARDING SALE OF 18.058 ACRES OF LAND IN OR NEAR INDIAN TRAIL IN UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THAT WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery is the owner of 18.058 acres of land located on U. S. Highway 74 East adjacent to State Road 1520 in Union County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery has no plans for development of such property and desires to sell such tract under terms and conditions favorable to Mecklenburg Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, the heirs of the original owner of the property might be interested in purchasing said property from Mecklenburg Presbytery and Presbytery desires to give such heirs the right of first refusal to such property for a limited period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Mecklenburg Presbytery and the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into sales and brokerage contracts with respect to the above parcel of real property for purposes of initially offering such property for sale to the heirs of the original owner of the property for the sum of $10,000.00 net to Mecklenburg Presbytery with no sales commission being involved, and that such right of refusal given to the heirs of the original owner shall remain open for a period of thirty days, and, if acceptance of such offer of sale by such heirs is not forthcoming within thirty days, then Presbytery and its Trustees shall be authorized to enter into a listing or brokerage contract with a licensed real estate broker for a period not to exceed six months, offering such property for sale at a price of $110,000.00

with the authority and understanding that a reasonable real estate broker's commission shall be paid by Presbytery on a percentage basis of the sales price; and that such property be offered for sale with the express understanding that the property in question is presently zoned for residential purposes except 1.84 acres which is presently zoned for business purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such contract purchaser of such property shall have the right to apply to the appropriate governmental authority for rezoning of the property to be accomplished in a prompt and reasonable period of time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery shall be authorized and empowered to enter into such offers of sale and contracts regarding the sale of the above property as may be necessary and expedient to accomplish the purposes set out in this resolution, and upon satisfactory sales arrangements being made, such Trustees shall be authorized and empowered to sign a Deed conveying such property as well as other appropriate documents that may be required as necessary and incidental to the transfer of the parcel.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Introduction

Among the duties of Presbytery's Council as outlined in the **Manual of Presbytery** is the nomination of such employees as are needed to fulfill the staff duties of the Office of the General Presbyter. Council is further charged with the establishment of a scale of salaries and other benefits, the formulation of job descriptions for all salaried employees of Presbytery, and the provision of necessary office space, furniture, equipment, etc. needed to carry out the responsibilities of the Office of Presbytery.

Council has concerned itself for some time with the office and staff needs of Presbytery, and feels the time is now appropriate for some reordering of staff and their responsibilities.

This has been forcefully brought to Council's attention by Council's Staff and Personnel Committee which considered the work loads of our present staff and the possibility of revision in job descriptions as provided by **Manual.**

The following will briefly outline the in-house responsibilities as well as the reordering of staff as Council envisions them.

1. General Presbyter

The job description of the General Presbyter would remain basically unchanged. However, in the assignment of responsibilities and in a later recommendation to this Meeting of Presbytery, it is anticipated that some of the detail and time-consuming responsibilities now resting upon him would be alleviated by the assignment of some of these responsibilities to other staff. The job description of the General Presbyter now provides that he administer the total resources of Presbytery as Pastor, Stated Clerk, as Staff Supervisor, as Communicator, and as Resource to:

A. Presbytery's Council
B. Presbytery's Committees
C. The Commission on the Minister
D. Member churches and their staffs

2. Associate Presbyter in Christian Education

The job description as provided the Associate Presbyter in Christian Education upon his call to that office was deliberately designed as a very lean and flexible instrument, subject to further revision as might be suggested at a later date by the Associate, the Christian Education Committee, or Presbytery. The overall projection of the

Christian Education Mission of Presbytery envisions a Christian Education Center which would provide resourcing in materials, multimedia, static displays, learning center, teaching lab, and other facilities as a part of Presbytery's Office complex in a fixed and readily accessible location.

The development of such a center requires a person to function as **Manager of the Christian Education Center.** Such a Manager would maintain the Center, assist in programming display and learning events, help evaluate new CE methods and materials and provide clerical assistance to the Associate in Christian Education and the Presbytery Office as a whole. This person would allow the Associate in Education time and freedom to design, implement, and evaluate Presbytery's Christian Education Program through the Christian Education Committee. The Associate would also be free to increase his time available to the churches of Presbytery working on their programs and provide increased use of lab schools and training events not only for individual churches, but also including and incorporating the cluster concept to provide greater utilization of time and facilities. Christian Education/Shared Approaches will require much of his time for the next two or more years.

To meet this need, Council recommends that Beatrice Kiser, who now functions as Treasurer/Bookkeeper of Presbytery, be asked to assume the responsibility of Manager of the CE Center as it develops, working with the Associate in Christian Education in the development of the Center and providing such other services as are needed along clerical lines, both for the Associate and for the Christian Education Committee, cataloging and developing the media facilities of the office, and in all ways assisting the Associate in Education to maximize the educational opportunities which Presbytery can provide.

Miss Kiser is uniquely suited for this position, having served with the Regional Director of Christian Education for the Synod of North Carolina for 16 years.

We are grateful to Miss Kiser for her three years of service as Treasurer of the Presbytery, and commend her for a job well done. We are particularly grateful that she is willing to forego her present responsibilities to assume this most important post in our reordered staff operation.

3. The post of **Secretary/Administrative Assistant** now occupied by Miss Annette Bullard would remain unchanged. We are grateful to her for her dedication and very efficient administration of her responsibilities and assistance in providing maximum efficiency of Presbytery's Office.

4. Council recommends the addition of one person to the staff of Presbytery's Office. This person would be the **Treasurer and Finance Officer.** The person coming to this position would be charged with cost analysis and cost control, proper accounting of all funds, budget preparation in cooperation with Presbytery's Budget and Finance Committee, providing necessary internal financial information for Presbytery, Council and the General Presbytery, and establishing financial relations to other parts of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. This person would also provide vital assistance in the Mecklenburg-Haiti Capital Funds Campaign.

The Treasurer and Finance Officer would also provide technical assistance to all task forces and committees in their cost analysis and budget making. The budget making process and development of a budget reflecting the priorities, goals and objectives of Presbytery would be the responsibility of this office. In addition, many of the day-to-day business and managerial affairs that now occupy the time of the General Presbyter would be shifted to this office, and this office would, in turn, function in many ways as the Business Manager of Presbytery (i.e., insurance, taxes, annuities, property management, contract negotiation, printing mailing, etc.)

It seems providential to Council and perhaps will also seem so to Presbytery to know that such a person with the capabilities envisioned by Council is now available to Presbytery in the person of Mr. Al Leopold.

Mr. Leopold has served on Presbytery's Council. He is a Ruling Elder at Plaza Church, and served as bookkeeper for the Plaza Church after his early retirement from the Atlantic-Richfield Company.

Council recommends that Mr. Leopold be asked by Presbytery to assume the new office of Treasurer and Finance Officer with responsibilities to be assigned in the area of business management.

5. The Future

Council believes Mecklenburg Presbytery has the most efficient, dedicated, and productive staff of any Presbytery in our Assembly. Mecklenburg Presbytery also has, for its size, perhaps the smallest staff of any Presbytery in our Assembly. Council will continue to monitor the operation of Presbytery's Office, and in cooperation with our Staff, will continue to seek to hold our operating cost at the lowest level possible, while at the same time, providing the services needed and desired by Presbytery to enable us to do the best possible job for the ongoing of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Council is fully aware that the reordering of staff, the additional cost involved, the anticipation of providing adequate quarters to do the job that needs to be done, will require our best efforts and dedication, our continuing support and prayers. We are convinced, however, that Mecklenburg Presbytery desires to be a leader and not a follower; that Mecklenburg Presbytery desires to be a pace setter, and not an also-ran. It is for this reason that we bring to you a proposal that we believe will be an efficient and productive plan for the ordering of Presbytery's Office.

Mr. Ran Norton has served the Research and Strategy and Deployment and Sustentation Committees as a "paid volunteer" in implementing recommendations of "Mecklenburg 21" for the past two years. His dedicated work has shown us the need for a person to devote full time to emerging mission possibilities in this area. We anticipate that in the near future we will also bring to Presbytery a proposal for development of new churches and personnel required for such, such as a new church developer or mission developer or a person, perhaps designated by some other name, but who nevertheless will be involved with Presbytery in the ongoing of our mission.

Overview of Staff Evolution:

1973—Rev. Robert J. James was called as General Presbyter with the responsibility to develop the organization of Presbytery Staff.

—Ms. Annette Bullard continued as Secretary, becoming also Administrative Assistant. (She began employment 1/15/68)

—Mrs. Virginia Jones continued as DCE, retiring in 1975.

—Rev. David Wilkinson continued as Hospital Chaplain.

1974—Ms. Beatrice Kiser became Treasurer, Secretary, replacing Mrs. Clyde Walsh (1/1) and moved this position into Presbytery Office proper.

1975—Rev. Fred McAlister, Jr., was called as Associate in Christian Education (9/1).

1977—Council proposes to create the position of Treasurer and Finance Officer to meet expanded needs and Manager of Christian Education Center to respond to new opportunity in this area.

197?—Council foresees the possible need of a Mission Enabler to respond to the challenge and needs in new church development, merging existing congregations, development of mission strategies, etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the members of Presbytery's staff be as follows:
   A. General Presbyter
   B. Associate Presbyter in Christian Education
   C. Manager of the Christian Education Center/Secretary
   D. Treasurer and Finance Officer
   E. Secretary/Administrative Assistant
   F. Hospital Chaplain
2. That Miss Beatrice Kiser be appointed Presbytery's Manager of the Christian Education Center/Secretary at the same salary and benefits she now earns, effective on the date the new Treasurer and Finance Officer is employed.
3. That Mr. Al Leopold be appointed Presbytery's Treasurer and Finance Officer, to begin employment on July 1, 1977, to be paid a salary at an **annual rate** of $8,950.00 per year, plus the employer's share of social security payments, and usual major medical insurance.
4. That the salary and other payments for the benefit of the Treasurer and Finance Officer be paid from the Contingency Fund of Presbytery's Council in 1977, and from the Presbytery business fund thereafter.

Mr. Al Leopold, the newly-elected Treasurer and Finance Officer of Mecklenburg Presbytery, was authorized to sign checks on behalf of Presbytery when he assumes office.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was made by the Chairman, Eldon D. Wadsworth. The report was adopted.

The Commission on the Minister met on March 15, 1977 and April 19, 1977. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery.

At the request of the Rev. Frank C. Wilkinson and with the concurrence of the congregation the pastoral relationship between him and the Calvary Presbyterian Church was dissolved effective July 31, 1977, and a letter of transfer was granted to Fayetteville Presbytery in order that he might accept a call to become pastor of the White Hill Presbyterian Church, Sanford, North Carolina.

The Commission on the Minister makes the following recommendations:

1. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual** of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and upon request of the Session the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint the Rev. W. M. Boyce as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of First Union Presbyterian Church from May 1 through October 31, 1977, or until a minister is called.
2. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual** of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint Dr. Arthur Beard as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Belk Church from April 1 through September 30, 1977.
3. The Commission recommends that the Rev. Neil Leach, upon his request be granted permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Presbytery as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of greater Charlotte, for one year beginning June 1, 1977.
4. The Commission recommends that the Rev. John Smylie be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery for one year beginning June 1, 1977.

5. Under the provision of the BCO, 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual** of Mecklenburg Presbytery, the Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery appoint the Rev. Fred McAlister, Sr., as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Rehobeth Church from April 1 through June 30, 1977.
6. The Commission recommends to Presbytery that the Rev. Zach Thomas be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery for one year beginning June 1, 1977.
7. The Commission meeting on May 10, 1977, cleared Mr. R. Proctor Chambless, Jr. for a possible call to the Myers Park Church as Associate Minister for Youth.
8. J. Arthur Beard, who was honorably retired by Presbytery on March 31, 1977, was recognized by the Court for his faithful service to the Church, and was given a retirement plaque.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by Mrs. Virginia Jones, a member of the Committee. The report was adopted.

In our report at the February meeting, we recommended a **Manual** change for its first reading, to effect a change in the major report of the Personnel Committee from the November to the September meeting of Presbytery. That recommendation was passed on its first reading. We present it today for the second reading. However, we have found that there are some places where a change in the date of election must be changed which we did not include in the first reading. We take it that the clear intent of Presbytery was to change the **Manual** where necessary to effect this change, and therefore feel that the other changes may be considered editorial and added for this, the final reading. Therefore we recommend:

THAT the word **November** be changed to **September** in the following sections of the Manual of Presbytery:

Chapter VI, Section 6-1(b), line 3, page 15
Chapter VI, Section 6-1(1) e, third line of paragraph, page 16
Chapter VII, Section 7-2(1), third line of paragraph, page 17
Chapter X, Section 10.1, second line from bottom, page 20
and Chapter III, Section 3-2(3), page 4 . . . **add:** c. The Major Report of the Personnel Committee.

NOTE: Insert new Manual Page 4—DESTROY Existing Page 4!

In February, we recommended William Dysard to fill an unexpired term on the Interpretation Committee. Presbytery elected him to that position. We discovered later that his term of service on the Specialized Ministry Committee does not expire until the end of this year, 1977. Therefore, we recommend:

THAT Presbytery take note of the above information and specifically authorize Mr. Dysard to serve on these two committees for the remainder of the year, 1977, as permitted by the **Manual** (page 16, d.)

The Committee thought we had named Robert C. Hord, Jr. not only for a new term as a Trustee of Presbytery, but that we also named him as Chairman. Somehow, the record does not show the latter part of that. The Directory simply showed the man in the next expiring class as chairman; however, this was simply a directory error and the Trustees have not followed it. Therefore, we recommend.

THAT Mr. Robert C. Hord, Jr. be the Chairman of the Trustees of Presbytery, and the record so display it.

The Directory shows the Trustees of Davidson College in the Class of 1977 and the Class of 1980. We have checked the record and with Davidson College, and those named in the Class of 1977 really should be the Class of 1979. We recommend:

THAT Presbytery acknowledge this information and direct that the records of Presbytery reflect this change.

We recommend:

That the following be elected to Councils, Committees and Commissions of Presbytery and Synod:

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Don R. Monteith (Cook's Memorial), Class of 1979, to replace John A. Tate, Jr., resigned.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER

James R. Nisbet (Carmel), Class of 1978, to replace George O. Stovall, resigned.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Anne McQuiston (Covenant), Class of 1977, to replace Mrs. Paula Kelton, resigned.

Miss Suzette Kincer (Davidson College), Class of 1977, to replace Mrs. G. B. Michie, resigned.

SYNOD'S COORDINATING COUNCIL

Roy W. Coker, Class of 1980, to replace Russell M. Kerr whose term expires in 1977.

Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant), Class of 1978, to replace George O. Stovall, resigned.

The Committee is studying carefully the Ruling Elder and lay membership of committees to get the best blend of expertise, dedication, and representation of as many churches as possible. To accomplish this, we need suggestions from each church. We will welcome such suggestions from Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and lay persons as well.

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., presented the report of the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, and the report was adopted.

The Deployment and Sustentation Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery, in response to the presentation of plans of the Newell Presbyterian Church, adopts the following:

WHEREAS the Newell Church Session and its Planning Committee are diligently and responsibly attempting to implement the leadings of Mecklenburg Presbytery with respect to the mission of the Newell Church in its geographic area; and

WHEREAS the Newell Church senses the ripening of time as it proceeds with its plans for additional physical facilities in order for it to capitalize on opportunities now unfolding for a more effective witness; and

WHEREAS it seems reasonable, if not certain, that the Newell Church will need financial assistance from Mecklenburg Presbytery;

Now, therefore, the Deployment and Sustentation Committee on May 12, 1977, hereby resolves that Presbytery give encouragement and support to the Newell Church and urge it to proceed toward fruition of its plans; and

Further encourages the Newell Church to conduct its financial campaign to determine the reasonable maximum the congregation may be expected to provide toward financing these plans; and

Further suggests that the Newell Church come to Presbytery, through the Deployment and Sustentation Committee, with its specific plans for physical facilities together with a specific request for Presbytery to consider as its commitment of financial support to the Newell undertaking.

The time having arrived for a Special Order of the Day, the report of the Women of the Church was presented by the President, Mrs. Calvin T. Wells, Jr. The report was received as information.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

As the First Order after Lunch, Presbytery heard the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee.

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Candidates Division, recommended that Mr. Sidney Franklin Batts, a member of Third Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and a student at Princeton Seminary, having fulfilled requirements and having been approved by the Committee, be admitted to examination by Mecklenburg Presbytery with a view to reception as a Candidate for the Ministry under its care. This recommendation was adopted.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Batts. He made a statement concerning his Christian Experience and his motives for seeking the ministry. This statement was sustained as satisfactory, and Presbytery voted to receive him as a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Constitutional Questions were asked by the Moderator and answered in the affirmative by Mr. Batts. A charge was delivered to the Candidate by Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. and Dr. Daniel also offered a prayer on behalf of Mr. Batts. The Moderator closed this service with the benediction.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by the Chairman, Robert W. Rayburn. The report was received as information.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, Kenneth P. Craig. The recommendations were adopted.

1) That each church in Mecklenburg Presbytery consider establishing a scholarship fund to assist and encourage the youth of its congregation to attend available Presbytery-sponsored summer camping programs; and that the minimum be $10.00 per camper.

2) THAT MINISTERS, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS, AND OTHER COGNIZANT PERSONS EXERCISE ZEAL IN SUPPORTING AND COMMUNICATING THE CONCERNS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN LOCAL CHURCHES AND THE PRESBYTERY.

The report of the Research and Strategy Committee was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. and received as information.

Presbytery heard a report on the Mecklenburg Haiti Development Campaign by Warner L. Hall encouraging those churches which have not yet completed their campaigns or who have decided not to participate to face up to the urgency of the need and respond affirmatively.

The report of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Haiti Development Commission was presented by Douglas W. Oldenburg and T. L. Odom, a Ruling Elder in the Pleasant Hill Church, and a member of the Haiti Commission. Dr. Oldenburg and Mr. Odom were most enthusiastic, and reported that significant strides have been made in achieving the vision of Mecklenburg Presbytery to alleviate the root causes of Hunger and poverty in a small section of Haiti.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was made by the Chairman, Austin C. Thies. The report was adopted.

Since the Manual of the General Assembly states "no overture received by the Stated Clerk later than 30 days prior to the date of Assembly's meeting shall be referred or considered by the General Assembly in that year, but shall be directed to the next General Assembly," and since the overtures in hand would not go to the 117th General Assembly, but would be directed to the 118th General Assembly, the Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that Presbytery endorse the three overtures and refer them as information to the Commissioners of Mecklenburg Presbytery to the 117th General Assembly for their consideration and possible presentation as Commissioners' Resolutions to the 117th General Assembly.

The report of the Attendance Committee was presented by Richard P. Shaw. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made by the Chairman, David E. Wilkinson. The report was adopted.

As Mecklenburg Presbytery comes to the close of its 22nd Stated Meeting, this 24th day of May, 1977, in the Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, we give thanks to God for this church's members and pastors, and for their strong witness for the kingdom of Christ.

We congratulate this church on their comfortable, beautiful, worshipful facilities.

To those who served us such a delicious dinner, we say, thank you so very much.

We appreciate the timely, thought-provoking message from the retiring Moderator, Ruling Elder Austin C. Thies.

We commend our Moderator, Dr. C. Franklin Jacks for the decorum and dispatch with which he presided. (After he finished his "nostalgic moments.")

Presbytery adopted the following motion: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and adopted. The Court stood and the Moderator offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Mecklenburg Presbytery stood adjourned to meet at Thomasboro Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, September 27, 1977 at 9:00 A.M.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Oct. 1961	Covenant Church	Rev. A. Clarke Dean
Jan., 1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April, 1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb. 1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May 1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford
Sept. 1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov. 1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig
Feb. 1976	Sardis Church	Rev. Glenn B. Robinson
May 1976	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Eldon D. Wadsworth
Sept. 1976	Quail Hollow Church	Price H. Gwynn, III
Nov. 1976	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Edward C. Wilson
Feb. 1977	Selwyn Ave.	Austin C. Thies
May 1977	Albemarle	Rev. C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1978

Officers of The Presbytery:

T. W. Tucker, Moderator of September Meeting, 6100 Sardis Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Robert S. Maclin, III, Moderator of November Meeting, Route 7, Box 317, Monroe, N. C. 28110

Robert J. James, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Albert D. Leopold, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1979—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

1980—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (3), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (2), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (2)

Presbytery:

Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant), Chairman, 2242 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

1978—David Berryhill (Albemarle Road)

1979—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant) (Chm.)

1980—David Wilson (Steele Creek)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, Route 2—Box 350, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1978—Lewis W. Bledsoe (Chm.)
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1979—William G. Katibah, Jr.
1979—Jeff T. Kesterson
1980—J. Randolph Taylor

Elders

1978—Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)
1979—Don R. Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1979—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)
1980—Mrs. Marjorie Smith (Steele Creek)
1980—James V. Andrews (Caldwell Memorial)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

James H. McKinnon, Jr., Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1978—T. W. Tucker
1978—Warren Nance
1978—James H. McKinnon, Jr. (Chm.)
1979—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1979—Earle D. Roberts
1979—D. Scott Lindsay
1980—L. P. Gwaltney, III
1980—Margaret B. Peery
1980—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Elders

1978—A. O. Canon (Myers Park)
1978—Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
1978—Harvey W. Johnston, M. D. (Forest Hill)
1979—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1979—Mrs. John E. Butler (Amity)
1979—Reuben Tomberlin (Indian Trail)
1980—David Beers (Sharon)
1980—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1980—Yates Reep (Central Steele Creek)

2. Commission on the Minister

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers
1978—Edward C. Wilson
1978—Charles E. S. Kraemer
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1979—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1980—Glenn B. Robinson
1980—G. Carswell Hughs

Elders
1978—Mrs. Nancy Odham (St. John)
1978—James R. Nisbet (Carmel)
1979—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1979—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1980—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1980—Mrs. Fannie Caldwell (Covenant)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers
1978—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1979—M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
1980—Wilbur G. Maxwell

Elders
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)
1980—Bennie Cross (Huntersville)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers
1978—Robert W. Rayburn (Chm.)
1979—Russell M. Kerr
1980—Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.

Lay Members
1978—David Beach (Badin)
1979—Paul Bell (Trinity)
1980—Donald Harris (South Tryon)

2. Christian Education

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman, 1600 Mallard Creek Church Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Ministers
1978—Kenneth P. Craig (Chm.)
1978—Robert E. Smith, Jr.
1979—Wallace Johnson
1979—Kenneth Woodard
1980—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
1980—Fred Horner

Lay Members
1978—C. Frank Mansfield (Covenant)
1978—Mrs. Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Mary Sell (St. John)
1978—Mrs. Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
1979—Robert C. Hinkle (Badin)
1979—Mrs. Betty Houston (Sharon)
1979—Mrs. Morrison Irwin (St. Andrews)
1980—Mrs. Anne McQuiston (Covenant)
1980—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1980—Miss Suzette Kincer (Davidson College)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D., Chairman, 2208 Wellesley Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1978—W. R. Otey, III
1979—J. Craig Butler
1980—Albert G. Peery, Jr.

Lay Members

1978—Miss Ann Vickers (Sardis)
1979—Mark Tinkham (Huntersville)
1980—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant) (Chm.)

2. Planning

William B. Young, Chairman, Route 2, Box 1134, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1978—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
1978—W. L. Kline
1979—H. Louis Patrick
1979—Robert S. Hough
1980—D. W. Oldenburg
1980—Robert E. Burnett

Lay Members

1978—William B. Young (Central Steele Creek) (Chm.)
1978—John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)
1979—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1979—M. E. Yandle (Steele Creek)
1980—Mrs. Ray Plummer (Charlotte First)
1980—A. F. "Pete" Sloan (Carmel)

3. Church Assistance

John A. Haley, Chairman, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers

1978—Zane M. Moore
1978—Glenn L. Hill
1979—James H. Sell, Jr.
1979—John A. Haley (Chm.)
1980—Robert Benson
1980—Jennings B. Reid

Lay Members

1978—Miss Ann Duckwall (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Thad Biggers (Indian Trail)
1979—Jack Cathey (Third)
1979—Blair Cathey (Paw Creek)
1980—Carson Conder (St. John)
1980—Mark Snoddy (Charlotte First)

4. Specialized Ministry

Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, Chairman, Route 9—Box 160, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1978—Wayne R. Aughinbaugh (Chm.)
1978—Tom Reinowski
1979—Neil C. Leach
1979—J. David Fletcher
1980—Robert J. Garment
1980—Charles Norwood

Lay Members

1978—Ed Parnell (Avondale)
1978—Don Haas (First Union)
1978—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1979—D. G. Martin (Seigle Avenue)
1980—Mrs. Ray Waltman (Philadelphia)
1980—Mrs. R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)

5. International Missions

George H. V. Hunter, Chairman, Box 705, Badin, N. C. 28009

Ministers

1978—J. Wendell Ligon
1979—George H. V. Hunter (Chm.)
1980—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Lay Members

1978—Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)
1979—Glenn Cathey (Paw Creek)
1980—James J. Kennedy (Forest Hill)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel

L. I. Stell, Chairman, Route 2—Box S540, Denver, N. C. 28037

Ministers

1978—Richard P. Shaw
1978—L. I. Stell (Chm.)
1979—Zane M. Moore
1979—J. David Fletcher
1980—Fred R. McAlister, Jr.
1980—J. Craig Butler

Lay Members

1978—Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1979—Larry Baucom (Locust)
1980—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1980—Mack P. Brown (Steele Creek)

2. Court Meetings

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman, 1029 Sewickley Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers

1978—French B. O'Shields, Jr.
1979—Marcus B. Prince, III
1980—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. (Chm.)

Lay Members

1978—N. J. Owens (Christ)
1979—Bobby Overcash (Calvary)
1980—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

William A. Dysard, Jr., Chairman, 5601 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1978—W. A. Dysard, Jr. (Chm.)
1979—Earl R. MacCormac
1980—Warner L. Hall

Lay Members

1978—Miss Ruth Farrior (Plaza)
1979—J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road)
1980—Mrs. James C. Helms, Jr. (Philadelphia)

2. Worship

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman, 1727 Flynnwood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1978—J. Arthur Beard
1979—Robert O. Freeman (Chm.)
1980—Robert S. Maclin, III

Lay Members

1978—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)
1979—John E. W. Clark (Philadelphia)
1980—Earl Berg (Charlotte First)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)
1979—G. Carswell Hughs
1980—Mrs. Douglas MacGregor (Sharon)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby

Haiti Development Commission

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1978—T. W. Tucker
1979—Douglas W. Oldenburg (Chm.)
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1980—James H. McKinnon, Jr.

Ruling Elders

1978—Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
1978—William C. Sugg, Jr., M.D. (Covenant)
1979—Mrs. Hugh D. Verner (Myers Park)
1979—T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)
1980—Mrs. Henry Harkey (Myers Park)
1980—Sam Ryburn (Covenant)

Advisory Members

1978—Paul Brown (Steele Creek)
1979—Harold Hope, M.D. (Charlotte First)
1980—William M. Edwards, II

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity), G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster), Mrs. Ruth Topping (Charlotte First), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

Task Force on Counseling

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Mrs. Lillian McAlister (Third), Mrs. Ann Smoak (Trinity), David E. Wilkinson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Russell M. Kerr.

Women of the Church President

Mrs. C. T. Wells, Jr., 4819 Hardwicke Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Men of the Church President

Joe McCrorey, 6700 Farmingdale Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Presbyterian Ministers Association President

Robert O. Freeman, 1727 Flynnwood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Sub-Committee on Records of Evaluation and Review Committee

E. B. Cooper, J. S. Garner, F. S. Jones, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. W. MacLean, A. Leslie Thompson, M. B. Prince, Jr.

Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	6-26-21	
M. B. Prince, Jr. H.R.	6-16-29	
Roy F. Whitley, H.R.	7-23-45	
Charles E.S. Kraemer, H.R.	11-26-45	
Warner L. Hall	4-16-46	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean, H.R.	4-16-46	
David E. Wilkinson	7-17-51	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper, H.R.	7-17-51	
Russell M. Kerr	7-15-52	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	7-19-52	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	1-20-53	
W. G. Workman, H.R.	4-21-53	
Fred C. Holder	7-11-54	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	1-18-55	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	4-12-55	
Leighton S. Ford	4-12-55	Evangelist
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	6-15-56	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	3-5-57	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	4-16-57	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	11-5-57	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	4-21-59	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	7-21-59	
Daniel L. Durway	9-15-59	
David G. Boyce	9-20-60	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	1-24-61	Director Alexander Children's Center
H. Louis Patrick	1-22-63	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	4-16-63	
J. Arthur Beard, H.R.	7-16-63	
Eugene P. Poe, H.R.	7-16-63	
Charles Betts Huntley	6-7-64	Foreign Missionary
William D. Morton	7-21-64	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., H.R.	10-20-64	
Wayne R. Aughinbaugh	10-20-64	Cook's Memorial
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	1-26-65	
Paul W. Beazley	7-19-65	Graduate Student
Paul A. Horne	7-20-65	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith, H.R.	10-19-65	
J. Daniel Zeluff	10-19-65	Interpreter's House
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	7-19-66	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	10-18-66	South Tryon
Robert J. James	10-18-66	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk

Roll of Ministers	**Date Received**	**Church**
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	10-18-66	Third
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	10-18-66	
Zane M. Moore	1-24-67	Central Steele Creek
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	7-18-67	
Kenneth P. Craig	7-18-67	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	7-18-67	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	10-17-67	
John E. Smylie	10-17-67	
Edward C. Wilson	1-23-68	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	1-23-68	Christ
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	7-16-68	
John A. Luddy	7-28-68	McGee
James S. Mann, H.R.	7-28-68	
H. E. Stoessel	10-15-68	
Neil C. Leach	1-28-69	Executive Director, Planned Parenthood
Robert S. Maclin, III	1-28-69	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	4-15-69	
Roy W. Coker	4-15-69	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	7-15-69	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford	7-15-69	Norwood
C. Franklin Jacks	7-15-69	
Raeford Rodney Love	7-27-69	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	10-20-69	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	10-20-69	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	10-20-69	
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	12-9-69	
Charles L. Kirby	2-24-70	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	2-24-70	Ramah
Joe P. Arnold	5-26-70	
Robert S. Hough	11-24-70	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	11-24-70	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	11-24-70	
W. B. McSwain, H.R.	2-23-71	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	2-23-71	
Charles C. Cowsert	2-23-71	Executive Secretary, Board of Annuities and Relief
Robert O. Freeman	5-25-71	
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	9-28-71	
Jennings B. Reid	9-28-71	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	9-28-71	Albemarle Road
Earl R. MacCormac	11-16-71	Professor
John B. Rogers, Jr.	2-22-72	Davidson College
Douglas W. Oldenburg	2-22-72	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	2-22-72	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	2-22-72	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	2-22-72	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	2-22-72	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	5-23-72	Beulah-Lee Park
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	9-26-72	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	9-26-72	
G. Carswell Hughs	9-26-72	Charlotte First

Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
William B. Ward, H. R.	11-28-72	
Robert E. Burnett	2-27-73	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	2-27-73	
William M. Edwards, II	5-22-73	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	5-22-73	Admin. Davidson College
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	6-24-73	Davidson College (Associate)
Earle D. Roberts	9-25-73	Covenant (Associate)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	9-25-73	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	9-25-73	McQuay
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	9-25-73	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	9-25-73	Plaza
E. E. Washington	9-25-73	Smallwood
Fred R. Horner	11-27-73	Covenant (Associate)
Rodney C. Shoemaker	12-2-73	Graduate Student
J. W. Ligon	2-26-74	Carmel
W. G. Nance	2-26-74	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon, H.R.	5-28-74	
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	5-28-74	Walkersville
David Scott Lindsay	6-16-74	Charlotte First (Associate)
R. E. Smith, Jr.	9-24-74	Sardis (Associate)
Neil M. McMillan	9-24-74	Selwyn Avenue
Vernon H. Dodd	10-13-74	Hopewell (Associate)
Kenneth Woodard	11-19-74	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	11-19-74	Sharon
W. L. Kline, Jr.	2-25-75	Memorial
John R. Crawford	2-25-75	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	2-25-75	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	4-6-75	Myers Park (Associate)
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	5-27-75	
Roger P. Melton,	5-27-75	Altan-Bethany
George H. V. Hunter	5-27-75	Badin
Donald E. Stroud	6-22-75	Graduate School
Thomas K. Reinowski	6-22-75	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
J. Craig Butler	6-29-75	Benton Heights
H. Howard Smith	9-23-75	Robinson
Carl R. Pritchett, H.R.	9-23-75	
J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	11-18-75	Huntersville
J. R. Taylor	2-24-76	Myers Park
J. H. Sell, Jr.	2-24-76	St. John
Jeff T. Kesterson	2-24-76	Thomasboro
Wilbur G. Maxwell	5-25-76	Pageland-Salem
Leroy P. Gwaltney, III	5-25-76	Albemarle First (Associate)
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	5-25-76	Myers Park (Associate)
Harry W. Philips	5-25-76	Westminster
John A. Haley, Jr.	5-25-76	Avondale
Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.	6-27-76	Camden-Morven
Charles A. Norwood	9-28-76	St. Andrews
Robert J. Garment	10-9-76	Westover Hills
R. J. McMullen, Jr.	2-22-77	Sugaw Creek
Charles E. Kirkpatrick	9-27-77	Locust
F. Clyde Pratt, H.R.	9-27-77	
Charles Timothy Carriker	10-2-77	Evangelist
Thomas L. Shields, III	10-16-77	Ridgecrest
Robert E. Johnston	11-15-77	Executive Director, Presbyterian Family Life Center
Total Ministers		**145**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Sidney Franklin Batts, Princeton Seminary, Third Church

Jane Flowe Brawley, Agnes Scott College, Robinson Church

Samuel David Carriker, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Richard Donald Carriker, Princeton Seminary, Sardis Church

Robert Andrew Cathey, Davidson College, Third Church

G. Wayne Cole, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Frederick Alvin Herbert Coates, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Fred Craven Douglas, Appalachian State University, Huntersville Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Robert Curtis Fussell, III, Louisville Seminary, Sardis Church

Herbert Forbes Gale, Jr., Union Seminary, Myers Park Church

Sally Henderson, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Zeb Brad Long, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, University of Pennsylvania, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Catherine Cora Snyder, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

David Harold Sutton, Union Seminary, Albemarle First Church

Lanny Vincent, Yale Divinity School, Davidson College Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

Lewis Williams, Davidson College, St. Giles Church

The Twenty-Third Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Thomasboro Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 27, 1977

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened for its 23rd Stated Meeting in the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 9:00 a.m. on September 27, 1977.

Opening Worship was led by Donald E. Stroud. The sermon was preached by C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., on the subject of "Toward Christian Maturity", based on Ephesians 4:1-16.

The Retiring Moderator, Dr. Jacks, then called the meeting to order, and a quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk introduced several visitors, who were welcomed to the meeting. Ruling Elder Commissioners from Sessions who were attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

The Stated Clerk, after explaining that the Recording Clerk, Henry S. Robinson, would not be able to attend the meeting because of sickness in his family, nominated Earle D. Roberts to serve as Recording Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery voted to elect Mr. Roberts.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., W. R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, Kenneth P. Craig, J. R. Crawford, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., W. M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, Robert J. Garment, Finley M. Grissett, L. P. Gwaltney, III, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. Frank Jacks, Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, Wm. G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, W. Chester Keller. Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, W. Larry Kline, Jr.. Charles E. S. Kraemer, Neil C. Leach, J. Wendell Ligon, Scott Lindsay, John A. Luddy, Jr., T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, Wilbur G. Maxwell, F. R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., Neely McCarter, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., A. J. McKelway, James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. Mc-

Millan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Julius Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas J. Nash, III, C. A. Norwood, French B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret Barnes Peery, E. P. Poe, Harry W. Philips, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Carl R. Pritchett, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, H. Howard Smith, Robert E. Smith, Jr., John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Donald E. Stroud, J. Randolph Taylor, Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: A. Rudolph Hendricks, Leighton Ford, E. R. MacCormac, Douglas W. Oldenburg, Vernon H. Dodd, Zach T. Piephoff, Jr., Ralph Dennison, Jr.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Roger P. Melton, W. R. Otey, III, C. C. Cowsert.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Joe Russell; Albemarle Road, Jerry Berry, Stough Garrison; Amay James, David L. Grier; Avondale, Guilford C. Oldham, E. W. Offutt; Banks, Robert Perry; Benton Heights, Mrs. L. W. Speer; Bethel, Herbert B. Knox; Bethlehem, F. D. Helms; Caldwell Memorial, Marvin Westmoreland; Calvary, James White; Carmel, Sam Weir; Central Steele Creek, Jack C. Austin; Charlotte First, Harold P. Hope, Jr., M.D., Joseph W. Grier, Hurl Hix; Christ, John Fleming; Cook's Memorial, Clyde W. Cox; Cornelius, Vernon Robinette; Covenant, Ben T. Vernon, Jr., John W. Rosebro; Davidson College, George L. Abernethy; East, Martha H. Gordon; First Union, F. H. Lemonds, Jr.; Forest Hill, Betty R. McArtan, David B. Cash; Hawley Memorial, J. W. Parker; Hopewell, Howard S. White, W. M. Barnette; Huntersville, Wade P. Whitley; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Bruce E. Stinson; Johnston Memorial, T. J. Cooper; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, J. E. Kirk, Fred C. Jones; Marshville, Mrs. Conway Bolt; Matthews, L. H. Overton; McGee, J. Hoyt Hamilton; McQuay Memorial, Charles R. Cloud; Monroe First, C. A. Boggs, Brice Gettys; Mulberry, Ernest Suter; Myers Park, Morton L. Church, Jr., R. A. Bigger, Jr., William Summerville, Edward F. Baesel, Jr., Alfred Canon; Newell, W. D. Poteat; Norwood First, Frank Story; Oakboro, Mrs. Linda Champion; Pageland, Hollis Horton; Paw Creek, Joe C. Troutman, A. G. Brown; Philadelphia, W. Mack Long, Olin H. Mullis; Plaza, Mrs. Matthew W. Crowder, Ronald Burke; Pleasant Hill, Vincent E. Severs; Providence, James Shuman; Quail Hollow, Ralph Reid; Ramah, G. C. Mayes; Ridgecrest, Ervin Fesperman; Robinson, Bryan Luna; St. Andrews, John G. McCachren; St. Giles, William B. Andrews, Sam Thorne; St. John, Carson Y. Conder; Sardis, John Cuttino, Burl C. Burnham, James G. Boyce, Isabel H. Reid; Seigle Ave., Summers Tarlton; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Alton M. Faires; Siler, Holmes Morris; South Tryon, Curtis J. Parker, Sr.; Steele Creek, Billy G. McCall, Andrew W. Davenport; Stephenson, D. L. Kimbrell; Sugaw Creek, Mrs. Mary Louise Hunter, W. H. Tarrant; Third, Philip L. Lambert, Mrs. Sara B. Allen; Thomasboro, Ralph E. Maynor, Jr.; Turner, Walter Starnes; Walkersville, Parley McCain; Waxhaw, J. W. Collins; Westminster, Neil Biggs, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, Elizabeth Verble; Williams Memorial, J. V. Hamilton.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Amity, Badin, Clanton Memorial, Hickory Grove, Smallwood.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Beulah, Camden, Lee Park, Memorial, Morven, New Salem, Rehobeth, Salem, Sharon, Trinity, Unionville, Wadesboro.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Dottie

Best, Nancy D. Collins, Ruth Farrior, Jean B. Floyd, Carlita Hunter, Virginia H. Jones, Suzette Kincer, Helen Loyd, Eleanor McNair, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund, Anne Vickers, Sarah K. Wilson.

The Moderator-in-Nomination, T. W. Tucker, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

The Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, David E. Wilkinson, presented the proposed docket for the meeting.

Thomas C. Bryan called Presbytery's attention to the long years of faithful service rendered by Dr. Wilkinson and advised the court that Dr. Wilkinson was celebrating his birthday. The Presbytery stood in grateful recognition.

After explaining the division of Presbytery into two groups, immediately following lunch, for the purpose of hearing sermons preached by candidates, Dr. Wilkinson moved the adoption of the proposed docket. The motion was passed.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship (30 minutes)—Sermon by Retiring Moderator, C. F. Jacks, Jr.
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren
3. Election of Moderator, T. W. Tucker, Moderator-Nominee
4. Court Meetings Committee (Adoption of Docket), David E. Wilkinson
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements by Host Pastor, Jeff Kesterson
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the First Recess)
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Morning Recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A.M.
9. Report of Commissioners to the General Assembly, C. F. Jacks, Jr.
10. Report of First Union Administrative Commission, G. B. Robinson
11. Report of Commission on the Minister, D. W. Oldenburg
12. Report of Christian Education Committee, Ken Craig
    (Special Order 11:30-12:30 P.M.)
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P.M.
13. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff Aiken (First Order after Lunch). (Presbytery will be divided to hear sermons of candidates.)
14. Report of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Second Order after Lunch)
    (Budget and Finance Report, Lewis Bledsoe)
    (Stewardship Promotion Report, Richard P. Shaw)
    (Office Space Requirements Committee Report, Billy G. McCall)
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P.M.

15. Report of Personnel Committee, L. I. Stell
16. Report of Research and Strategy Committee, E. L. Daniel, Jr.
17. Report of Deployment and Sustentation Committee, C. L. Cheshire, Jr.
18. Commissions to be Appointed
19. Announcements
20. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
21. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
22. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Mr. Wilkinson then presented several recommendations from the Committee on Court Meetings. With an amendment from the Committee in one item and an amendment from the floor, duly adopted, in another, the recommendations were passed by Presbytery as follows:

1. Concerning the "five minutes" request received after the agenda has been finished:

   That a new category called "Announcements" be included in the docket, and placed just before the item "Unfinished Business".

2. Concerning examination of already ordained Ministers coming into the Presbytery:

   We recommend that they be examined by the Examinations Committee, and that the chairman present a synopsis of the examinations to Presbytery. Ordinarily, the Committee will ask no more than two questions per candidate when they appear before Presbytery. An opportunity will then be provided for questions from the floor.

3. Concerning persons submitting reports:

   The reports are not to be read to Presbytery. They will have been mailed to Presbyters. The presenter would be available for questions.

   That only the chairman of the Committee or his delegated representative present said reports unless some unusual situation calls for other members to speak.

4. Concerning the Worship Service at Presbytery Meetings:
   We recommend that the opening worship usually not last longer than 30 minutes.

5. Concerning Called Meetings:
   That a Called Meeting of Presbytery be held when appropriate, in January or another time, for purposes of continuing education, growth, fellowship, discussion of current issues, etc. We suggest the securing of the services of leading theologians to lead us in studies of doctrinal matters, etc. Also, that leaders in our Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery be invited to discuss ecclesiastical issues with us.

   We suggest that Presbytery's Council be responsible for assigning the task of programming the Called Meetings to various Committees of the Presbytery.

A report from the Committee on Arrangements was presented by the host pastor, Jeff T. Kesterson, and was received as information.

The Chairman of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Jr., called a special meeting of Council for 1:15 p.m. in the Session Room of the Church.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Standing Committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman
Jennings B. Reid
Fred C. Holder
Sam Weir (Carmel)
Guilford Oldham (Avondale)
Harold P. Hope, M.D. (Charlotte First)

Attendance

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
James H. Sell, Jr.
Howard White (Hopewell)
Morton Church, Jr. (Myers Park)

Tellers

G. Wallace Johnson, Chairman
Robert J. Garment
Curtis Parker (South Tryon)
John Rosebro (Covenant)

Resolutions

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman
E. E. Washington
Mrs. Mary Louise Hunter (Sugaw Creek)
Mrs. L. W. Speer (Benton Heights)

The Stated Clerk presented communications as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences; these were referred to the Standing Committee on Attendance.
2. Certificate of Dismissal for Charles E. Kirkpatrick from Fayetteville Presbytery (Pastor-elect of Locust Church).
3. Certificate of Dismissal for F. Clyde Pratt from Savannah Presbytery (Honorably Retired).

The Chairman of the Administrative Commission for the First Union Presbyterian Church, Glenn B. Robinson, presented an informational report to Presbytery. It was voted that this report be received and entered into the record, as follows:

Since our last report to Presbytery, the Commission has met several times to assist First Union officers. The officers and congregation have handled routine business and worship services in recent months with a great deal of care and concern for all of its membership.

A Pulpit Committee has been elected and recently completed the paper work necessary to constructively seek a minister. They are now in the early stages of interviewing candidates for their church.

With regret the Commission reports that one officer has resigned and three members of the Pulpit Committee have resigned. Two Pulpit Committee members resigned stating their inability to be in subjection to the brethren. The third member resigned in order to return to college. All of the resignations were accepted by the congregation with reluctance. The congregation has filled the vacancies on the Pulpit Committee.

Our Commission has worked with the officers of First Union in revising their by-laws and the revised by-laws have been approved by the congregation and filed with our reports to Presbytery.

The Commission on the Minister is assisting First Union in providing interim supply ministers and the Pulpit Committee in selecting their next stated minister.

We are grateful for the excellent pastoral leadership provided thus far by Dr. F. A. Mathes and Dr. W. M. Boyce.

First Union has suffered with its problems and loss of some leadership, yet those remaining are faithfully at work. One could surmise their problems have awakened them and they are now diligently at work. We pray that finally our experience will be that everything is working together for the glory of God's Kingdom.

The Administrative Commission looks forward to First Union calling a minister and the completion of our administrative task for Presbytery.

Lawrence I. Stell presented some remarks concerning the Mecklenburg-Haiti Development Campaign, which were received as information.

Richard P. Shaw advised the commissioners of stewardship materials available for each of the churches and requested that these packets be taken by the church representative as they return home from the meeting of Presbytery.

Robert S. Maclin, III, was nominated as Moderator-in-Nomination for the November 1977 meeting of Presbytery and was elected by acclamation.

The Stated Clerk introduced Mr. Albert D. Leopold, Presbytery's Treasurer and Finance Officer, who was attending Presbytery for the first time in this official capacity.

The Presbytery then stood in recess at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

The report of the Commissioners to the 1977 Meeting of the General Assembly was presented by C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman of the delegation. In addition to the oral report, the delegation distributed to the members of Presbytery a three-page excerpt from the Minutes of the General Assembly which called attention to items of particular significance in the actions of the General Assembly. Dr. Jacks then presented Robert Cathey, Youth Delegate to the General Assembly, and asked that he be given the privilege of the floor in order to present observations on the meeting. The Presbytery voted to extend this privilege, and Mr. Cathey spoke to the meeting.

Dr. Jacks then presented three recommendations for amendment of **Presbytery's Manual** which would arrange for certain of Presbytery's Commissioners to the General Assembly to be elected for service at two consecutive meetings of the Assembly.

Some time was given to discussion of the proposed amendments. A substitute motion, presented by J. Randolph Taylor and duly supported, was then adopted by the Presbytery, as follows:

> That this matter be referred to Council in order that they may give it their considered attention with a view to alternative ways of preparing commissioners to fulfill their responsibilities.

The time having arrived for a special order, the Committee on Christian Education presented its report. Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman, called the court's attention to the mimeographed report which had been distributed and which was received as information. He then presented Robert E. Smith, Jr., Chairman of the sub-committee on Camping, Guidance, Youth. Mr. Smith explained the procedures for the Presbytery to divide into twelve groups for the purpose of considering questions related to camping programs for the Presbytery, **viz.,** immediate needs, future needs, and options.

The members of the court then went to assigned rooms for the purpose of discussing the questions raised by the Christian Education Committee.

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 p.m., following lunch, Presbytery assembled in two groups in order to hear sermons by Candidates Charles Timothy Carriker and Thomas L. Shields, III.

After the preaching of the sermons, the Presbytery, in plenary session, voted to sustain as satisfactory the sermons by the Candidates.

The report of the Committee on Pre-Ordination and Examinations was then continued by the Chairman, Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. Ministers applying for transfer into Presbytery, F. Clyde Pratt (Honorably Retired) and Charles E. Kirkpatrick (Pastor-elect of Locust Church), each made a personal statement concerning his Christian experience. Questions were asked concerning the ministers' views on theology, sacraments and church government, and opportunity was given for questions from the floor.

The motion was made and passed by Presbytery that the examinations of Mr. Pratt and Mr. Kirkpatrick be sustained as satisfactory, that they be received into Presbytery, and that they be enrolled by signing the Roll Book of Ministers.

Mr. Aiken presented the report of the sub-committee on Candidates which had been distributed and which was received as information.

He then presented A. J. McKelway, Jr., Chairman of the sub-committee on Pre-Ordination. Dr. McKelway informed the Presbytery of the new written examination (first used this year) taken by candidates for ordination, explaining that the two-day examination is comprehensive, that the entire examination is read by each member of the committee, that the constitutional written parts are still required, and that each candidate also is examined orally by the committee.

Dr. McKelway then presented Charles Timothy Carriker, missionary-appointee for service in Brazil, for examination with a view toward ordination and reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Mr. Carriker made a statement concerning his Christian experience, and was examined concerning his knowledge and views on theology, Bible, sacraments, and church government. Opportunity was given for questions from the floor. The examination was sustained as satisfactory in each part and as a whole.

Presbytery stood in recess at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:15 p.m., and Dr. McKelway presented Thomas L. Shields, III, Pastor-elect of Ridgecrest Church, for examination with a view toward ordination and reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Mr. Shields made a statement concerning his Christian experience, and was examined concerning his knowledge and views on theology, Bible, sacraments, and church government. Opportunity was given for questions from the floor. The examination was sustained as satisfactory in each part and as a whole.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Authorized the purchase of a new calculator for not more than $300. and a calculator service contract at the cost of $30.00 per year. These sums are to be paid from Council's Contingency Fund. A new copy machine will soon be needed, as the present one is on its last legs.

2. Council has endorsed the recommendation of the Research and Strategy Committee that each committee hold its own Fall Retreat for evaluation and planning for 1978, with a follow-up retreat for Council and committee chairmen.

3. Dr. Lawrence I. Stell and Mrs. Ruth Daniels have been reemployed on a short, part-time basis, to assist in completion of the Mecklenburg-Haiti Campaign.

4. Council has endorsed the proposal of the Presbytery's delegation to the 1977 General Assembly, for election of part of the delegation to serve two-year terms.

5. Council has endorsed the recommendations of the Court Meetings Committee in order to expedite the handling of business at Presbytery meetings.

6. The paper on the "Christian yellow pages" is called to the attention of the Presbytery.

7. The stewardship materials, "One Word, Many Voices," are avail-

able for pastors of each church, in the narthex of the Thomasboro Church. Be sure to get yours!

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to study the location of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center, be adopted.

   A. That the following sources of funds be used to cover the operating expenses of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center for 1978:

      1. Savings Account at First Union National Bank.

      2. Unexpended funds from the Business Fund and the Benevolence Fund at the end of 1977.

      3. If needed, borrow against the principal of the Mrs. S. B. Alexander Fund, with the understanding that the principal will be repaid over the nine remaining years of the Lease from Presbytery's Budget without interest.

2. That the Presbytery hear the report of Lewis W. Bledsoe, and that the Proposed Business Fund Budget, submitted herewith, be adopted for 1978.

3. That Presbytery hear the report of Lewis W. Bledsoe, and that the proposed Benevolence Budget, submitted herewith, be adopted for 1978, as a challenge budget.

4. That the proposed amendments to the **Manual of Presbytery** relative to the re-naming and re-aligning of the duties of the Research and Strategy Committee and the Deployment and Sustentation Committee be adopted as first reading. The proposed amendments have been approved by said committees.

5. That Dr. Douglas W. Oldenburg be elected principal and that Mr. Joseph W. Grier, Jr., be elected alternate, to represent Mecklenburg Presbytery at the Consultation on Overseas and Domestic Mission of the PCUS, to be held at Montreat, February 2-9, 1978.

6. That the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized and directed to convey the approximately 18-acre tract at Highway 74 and Indian Trail Road in Union County, in accordance with the resolution on page 28. The proceeds of the sale are to be a part of the Mecklenburg Capital Funds portion of the Mecklenburg-Haiti project.

7. That the Court Meetings Committee be requested to docket the report of the International Missions Committee at the November meeting of Presbytery instead of the February meeting.

Mr. Bigger presented Mr. Billy G. McCall, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to study the location of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center.

Mr. McCall gave a comprehensive report on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and its conclusions. He then moved that the Presbytery adopt the six recommendations of the Committee. Following full discussion of the proposal, Presbytery voted to adopt the report and recommendations as follows:

THE COMMITTEE

The Committee was established by the Council of Mecklenburg Presbytery on October 14, 1976, with the following membership:

Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek) Chairman
Richard Baker (Paw Creek)
Reed Boyd (Myers Park)
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. (Wadesboro First), Secretary
Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr. (Albemarle First)
Charles Norwood (Monroe First)
Richard P. Shaw (Albemarle Road)
T. W. Tucker (Sardis)
R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) Ex-Officio
Robert J. James (General Presbyter) Ex-Officio

Reed Boyd found it necessary to resign before the Committee's business was concluded.

MEETINGS

Six meetings of the Committee were held as follows: December 17, 1976; January 6, 1977, February 18, 1977; May 2, 1977; June 10, 1977; and September 6, 1977. In addition the Chairman and General Presbyter met numerous times with various individuals and groups regarding the availability of various properties. On one occasion the Chairman met with the Council to make a progress report and seek additional input for the Committee's deliberations.

BACKGROUND STUDY

Prior to the Committee's formation, interviews with Presbytery staff were conducted by Marcus F. Snoody (First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte) of the architectural firm, Snoddy and McCulloch Associates, to document activities and define space requirements. The results of his study were presented in a report dated September, 1976, which identified present space of 1,140 square feet and projected optimal present and immediate future space needs at 3,485 square feet. This study was accepted by the Committee as valid and was used as the basis for its search.

CRITERIA FOR DECISION

At its first meeting, the Committee adopted the following criteria as the basis for decision regarding location:

1. Good visibility for denominational activities.
2. Convenient to banking facilities.
3. Safe environment.
4. Convenient parking.
5. Convenient dining facilities.
6. Convenient to "drop-in" encounters, particularly for ministers visiting their members in the hospitals.
7. Accessibility, using existing street grids.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternatives for satisfying the identified needs were felt to be as follows:

1. Seek additional space at the present location.
2. Lease appropriate commercial space.
3. Purchase existing property and convert to desired use.

4. Purchase land and build a structure designed specifically for the desired use.
5. Lease existing property which would require minimal renovation to convert to desired use and which would offer some opportunity to recover a portion of the capital outlay required for conversion.

THE REALITIES

In all of its deliberations the Committee was keenly aware of these realities which dictated a rather conservative approach without sacrificing the opportunity to achieve the central goal of obtaining adequate space to perform all the functions which Presbytery has delegated to its staff:

1. Capital funds are limited.
2. Annual operating costs must be kept at a reasonable level.
3. Conscience dictates that large capital outlays are difficult to justify in comparison with critical program and service needs.
4. Considerable adjustment will be required to make the transition from a nonexistent space cost to one of any significant amount.

CONCLUSIONS

With due consideration for the documented space requirements, the location criteria, the alternatives available, and the constraints enumerated above, the Committee has entered into negotiations with Queens College for the lease of the property known as the Harris house adjacent to the campus which is believed to meet the requirements for the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center for at least the next ten years. Such an arrangement should be attractive to Mecklenburg Presbytery because of the proximity to the excellent additional facilities and services which would be available from Queens. It should be attractive to Queens because it would provide revenue from an asset which at present is largely unproductive. It would have the additional advantage of bringing to the Queens Campus significant numbers of Presbyterians who would be exposed to the needs and aspirations of an institution which is the concern of all North Carolina Presbyterians.

COST ESTIMATES

Capital

Surveys of the property have been made by two firms experienced in renovation, and while it is not possible to obtain firm bids until specific plans are provided, one estimated that necessary renovations could be accomplished for a maximum of $45,000. The other estimated a range of $40,000-$60,000. The higher figure contemplated some external repairs which since have been accomplished by Queens. An estimate of $45,000-$50,000 appears to be valid.

Queens is not in a position to provide the cash outlay for the required renovation, so this would have to be assumed by Presbytery. However, Queens recognizes that probably more than half the cost is of the sort that a landlord would normally be expected to bear. Therefore, through credits against its lease payments, Presbytery would be entitled to recover that portion of the capital outlay which by mutual agreement is determined to be the responsibility of Queens.

Operating

Annual operating costs are estimated to be as follows:

Lease payments — $3.60/sq. ft. X 3,774 =	$13,586
Utilities and maintenance — $3.00/sq. ft. X 3,774 =	11,322
Estimate for yard maintenance and contingencies	5,000
Total	$29,908

(Note: Lease payments would be reduced by amortization of the landlord's portion of capital outlay.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Mecklenburg Presbytery authorize Council to negotiate a lease of the property known as the Harris house from Queens College for use as the Mecklenburg Center on such terms as Council deems to be in the best interest of Presbytery.
2. That the lease period be for five to ten years.
3. That the lease rate not exceed $3.60 per square foot per year for 3,774 sq. ft., Presbytery to be responsible for utilities and maintenance.
4. That Presbytery provide the cash outlay for interior improvements.
5. That the value of improvements mutually agreed to be the responsibility of Queens be recovered by Presbytery at the rate of ten percent or more per year by credits against lease payments.
6. That the expenditure of up to $60,000 from Presbytery's portion of the Mecklenburg Haiti Campaign Funds (including equipment and furnishings) be authorized without further approval to accomplish establishment of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center.

Mr. Bigger called on Lewis W. Bledsoe to present the proposed Business Fund Budget for 1978. It was moved that the Business Fund Budget be adopted as presented, and Mr. Bledsoe made some clarifying remarks for better understanding of the budget which had been distributed to the members of the court.

During discussion of the Business Fund Budget, it was moved that the budget be amended by moving items VI.D (Associate Presbyter for Christian Education) and VI.E (Manager, Christian Education Center) from the proposed Benevolence Budget for 1978 to the Business Fund Budget as items III.A.4 and 5 and that the per capita assessment be raised sufficiently to cover this addition to the Business Fund Budget.

During discussion on the amendment, the substitute motion was made that the amendment be referred to Presbytery's Council for study and report to Presbytery by the Stated Meeting of May 1978. The Presbytery voted to approve the substitute, referring the amendment to Council.

It was then voted to approve the Business Fund Budget for 1978 as proposed.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1978
BUSINESS FUND BUDGET

ANTICIPATED INCOME

	1977	1978
From Churches	$109,078 (1)	$114,908 (2)
Yield from S. B. Alexander Fund	5,742	6,000
	$114,820	$120,908

NOTE: 1—(1977) Based on $3.20 per Capita from 34,087 members

NOTE: 2—(1978) Based on $3.38 per Capita from 33,930 members

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS

	1977		1978	
I GENERAL ASSEMBLY	$ 33,405	($ .98)	$ 35,626	($1.05)
II SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA	18,748	($ .55)	18,661	($ .55)
III MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY	62,667	($1.67)*	66,621	($1.96)*

(*) Includes Interest from Alexander Fund)

A. OFFICE OF GENERAL PRESBYTER

	1977	1978
1. General Presbyter		
Salary	$14,000	$16,098
Housing	4,800	5,100
Utilities	1,000	1,200
Furnishings	500	500
Auto Expenses	3,000	3,000
Ministers Annuity Fund	2,868	3,186
Hospitalization	625	676
Study Allowance	200	250
Social Security (½)	604	652
	$27,597	$30,662
2. Administrative Assistant		
Salary	$ 8,950	$ 9,900
Social Security	524	579
Hospitalization	237	256
Annuity	1,074	1,188
	$10,785	$11,923
3. Treasurer & Finance Officer		
Salary	$ 8,950	$ 9,750
Social Security	524	570
Hospitalization	237	396
Annuity	1,074	1,170
	$10,785	$11,886
B. GENERAL PRESBYTERY EXPENSES		
Supplies and Postage	$ 5,700	$ 5,000
Telephone	1,800	2,000
Printing Minutes	3,700	2,700
Parking	650	700
Discretionary Fund	1,400	1,500
Assistant Clerk	250	250
Sub-Total	$13,500	$12,150
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$62,667	$66,621

Mr. Bledsoe then presented the proposed Benevolence Budget for 1978, copies of which had been distributed to the members of the court. Presbytery voted to approve the proposed Benevolence Budget.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
BENEVOLENCE BUDGET
1978

ANTICIPATED INCOME

From Churches		$ 998,684.00
From Interest on Restricted Funds		
(1) Chas. Boyd Estate (For Deployment and Sustentation)	$ 3,200.00	
(2) Camp Stewart Fund (For Christian Education)	5,000.00	
(3) Samuel P. Alexander Fund (For Pre-Ordination and Examination)	425.00	8,625.00
		$1,007,309.00

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS

General Assembly	$ 391,400.00
Synod of North Carolina	298,100.00
Mecklenburg Presbytery	271,422.00
Challenge for 2nd Mile Missionary Support	46,387.00
	$1,007,309.00

PROPOSED PRESBYTERY DISBURSEMENTS

I. COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER			$ 3,500.00
A. Operating Expenses		$ 1,500.00	
B. Discretionary Fund		2,000.00	
II. PRESBYTERY COUNCIL			$ 28,000.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 700.00	
B. Contingency Fund (Resources for all Committees)		15,000.00	
C. Insurance		1,600.00	
D. Taxes		2,200.00	
E. Stewardship Promotion		500.00	
F. Mecklenburg Presbyterian		8,000.00	
III. COURT MEETINGS			$ 275.00
A. Taping Meetings		$ 200.00	
B. Upkeep of Equipment and Supplies		75.00	
IV. CHURCH ASSISTANCE			$94,700.00*
A. Sustentation to Churches		$83,700.00	
B. Extension Work		10,000.00	
Carmel (Loan)	$10,000.00		
C. Contingency		1,000.00	
(*) Income from Chas. H. Boyd Estate to be applied against total			
V. INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES			$ 25,860.20
A. Hospital Chaplain		$ 7,893.97	
B. Hospital Secretary		3,638.17	
C. Hospital Visitors		5,059.77	
D. Campus Worker (Asst. to Chaplain)		6,338.29	
E. Christian Fellowship for Nurses		330.00	
F. Prison Ministry		1,200.00	
G. ECO		600.00	
H. Supplies and Materials		800.00	

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		$ 53,211.88*

A. LEADERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

Vacation Church School Workshop	$ 500.00
Mobile Teacher Training Unit	1,000.00
Resource Development	700.00
Recreation Workshop	300.00
	$ 2,500.00

B. RESOURCING SUB-COMMITTEE

Christian Education Center	$ 1,000.00
Christian Education: Shared Approaches	1,500.00
Communications Network	275.00
Resource Day Workshop	1,000.00
Men of the Church/Women of the Church	100.00
	$ 3,875.00

C. CAMPING/GUIDANCE/YOUTH ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Concord Presbytery (Use fee for Camp)	$13,550.00
Scholarships (Camping)	400.00
Guidance/College Day	200.00
Youth Ministry/Youth Advisory Workshop	1,450.00
	$15,600.00

D. ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Salary	$10,236.00
Auto Allowance	1,700.00
Housing and Utilities	3,600.00
Annuity	1,938.00
Continuing Education	250.00
Hospitalization	676.38
F.I.C.A.	613.50
Contingency Fund	300.00
	$19,313.88

E. MANAGER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CENTER

Salary	$ 9,900.00
Annuity	1,188.00
Hospitalization	256.00
F.I.C.A.	579.00
	$11,923.00

(*) Income from Camp Stewart Fund to be applied against total.

VII. PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS		$ 15,750.00*
A. Operating Expense	$ 750.00	
B. Testing-Guidance Center	500.00	
C. Grants-in-aid	14,300.00	
D. Annual Christmas Dinner—Candidates	200.00	

*Income from Samuel P. Alexander Fund to be applied against total.

VIII. PRE-ORDINATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING		$ 400.00
A. Workshops in Church Officer Development	$ 400.00	

IX. SPECIALIZED MINISTRY			$ 29,600.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 100.00	
B. Evangelism		1,000.00	
C. Day Care Centers		12,500.00	
Monroe	$2,000.00		
South Tryon	3,500.00		
Double Oaks	7,000.00		
D. Alexander Children's Center		4,000.00	
E. School of the Arts—First Presbyterian		500.00	
F. Seigle Avenue Hot Meals		6,000.00	
G. Dilworth Community Ministry		500.00	
H. Crisis Assistance Center		3,500.00	
I. Charlotte Youth/Adult Ministries		1,500.00	
X. PLANNING			$ 4,400.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 250.00	
B. Follow-up on Earhart Study		3,000.00	
C. Consultations & Workshops		1,150.00	
XI. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS			$ 1,500.00
A. Operating Expenses		$ 150.00	
B. Montreat Conference for Chairman		150.00	
C. Montreat Conference for Youth		600.00	
D. Promotion of Workshops & Projects		500.00	
E. Attend Conference with Division of International Missions and GMB		100.00	
XII. TASK FORCE ON HUNGER			$ 1,525.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 400.00	
B. Legislative		125.00	
C. Education Committee		500.00	
D. Local and Overseas Projects		500.00	
XIII. TASK FORCE ON COUNSELING			$ 12,000.00
A. Presbyterian Family Life Center		$ 9,000.00	
B. Others on Referral		3,000.00	
XIV. WORSHIP COMMITTEE			$ 600.00
A. Operating Expense		$ 40.00	
B. Montreat Conference		360.00	
C. Presbytery Workshops		200.00	
XV. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE			$ 100.00
A. Committee Expenses		$ 100.00	
TOTAL (Mecklenburg Presbytery)			$271,422.08

In connection with the consideration of the Budgets for 1978, the attention of Presbytery was directed to the 1978 Askings from each of the churches of Presbytery, both per capita assessment and benevolence challenge. Copies of these data had been distributed to the members of the court.

Further recommendation of Council was presented by Mr. Bigger and adopted by Presbytery, as follows:

That the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized and directed to convey the approximately 18-acre tract at Highway 74 and Indian Trail Road in Union County, in accordance with the following resolution. The proceeds of the sale are to be a part of the Mecklenburg Capital Funds portion of the Mecklenburg-Haiti project.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY APPROVING SALE OF 18.058 ACRES ON U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 74 AT INTERSECTION OF STATE ROAD NO. 1520 AT OR NEAR INDIAN TRAIL, UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg Presbytery in May, 1977, listed the 18.058 acre tract owned by it near Indian Trail in Union County, North Carolina, at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 74 and State Road No. 1520 with Vinson Realty Company at a price of $110,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Vinson Realty Company as agent has submitted to Mecklenburg Presbytery an offer to purchase said property on behalf of J. B. Garrison, Inc., at a price of $100,000.00, with a cash binder of $5,000.00 and the balance to be paid in cash at closing of the transaction; and

WHEREAS, Presbytery's Council at a meeting on September 8, 1977, approved acceptance of this proposal and has recommended to Mecklenburg Presbytery that the proposal or offer to purchase be accepted; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of this meeting that Mecklenburg Presbytery should accept this offer subject to these further provisions:

1. That the deed to be executed by the Trustees contain a special trustees' warranty usually given by fiduciaries in place of a general warranty called for by the proposed contract.

2. That Mecklenburg Presbytery be responsible for normal seller's costs at closing, including payment of its portion of the 1977 ad valorem property taxes in accordance with the offer of purchase, and documentary stamps to be placed on the deed in the amount of $100.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery are hereby authorized and directed to execute the offer of purchase and deed in connection with the proposed sale of the above property and such other instruments as may be necessary and required to carry out the sale transaction as aforesaid, and that such Trustees shall pay over the net proceeds of the sale to the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery, to be placed in the Mecklenburg-Haiti Capital Funds Account.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer of Mecklenburg Presbytery is authorized to pay to Vinson Realty Company a commission for its services in the sale of the above property in the amount of 10%.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that Robert J. James as General Presbyter or the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery be authorized to sign the aforesaid contract for the sale of the property subject to the instructions hereinabove set forth in this resolution.

Mr. Bigger directed the attention of Presbytery to the proposed amendments to the **Manual of Presbytery**, for First Reading, concerning a Planning Committee and a Church Assistance Committee. On behalf of Council, with concurrence of Research and Strategy and Deployment and Sustentation Committees, he moved that these be passed for First Reading.

An amendment was offered for the Church Assistance Committee and was adopted by Presbytery. The amended motion was then adopted as the First Reading of amendment to the Manual, as follows:

(First Reading)

That the **Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery** be amended in the following manner:

5-2 (2) Planning Committee

a. Membership: 6 Ministers—6 Lay Members

b. Functions: This committee shall engage in comprehensive studies of the situations confronting Presbytery and the particular churches of Presbytery, employing whatever surveys, sociological studies, and statistical data that may be available or can be obtained. This may include population patterns, membership changes, giving habits or whatever other pertinent information may be deemed necessary for arriving at strategies to mobilize our resources to carry out our mission. These strategies shall include guidelines for the establishing of new churches, the dissolving of existing churches, the grouping or merging or relocating of churches and the initiation of any Mecklenburg Presbytery ministries deemed needful. Such strategies shall include, where feasible, recommendations for implementation of such recommendations as shall be proposed.

This committee may carry out its responsibilities by acting on its own initiatives or in responding to requests or suggestions from other committees, from Council, from sessions. This committee's function will not prevent, and should not discourage other committees of Presbytery from doing their own research or studies to fit their peculiar needs.

It is intended that the Planning Committee will generally be taking the broad view of Mecklenburg Presbytery for the purpose of aiding Presbytery, its Council, its Committees, and local sessions in fulfilling their mission through the adequate gathering of information and data and recommending through Council effective strategies for implementing Presbytery's programs and plans.

It is expected that the Planning Committee will regularly and adequately share concerns and discoveries growing out of its activities.

The Planning Committee may have the assistance, for research purposes, of a part-time staff person in the Office of the General Presbyter.

(First Reading)

That the **Manual of Meckenburg Presbytery** be amended in the following manner:

5-2 (3) Church Assistance Committee

a. Membership: 6 Ministers—6 Lay Members

b. Functions: This committee shall be concerned for the health and welfare of and the primary liaison and resource committee to those churches whose partnership with Presbytery requires temporary or continuing financial counsel and/or assistance to enable them to carry on a continuing and responsible ministry and witness in and to their community.

1) This committee shall review and approve the total budget of churches receiving financial assistance from Presbytery (no matter what the amount of aid received) and shall recommend to Presbytery such funds as may be needed before Presbytery benevolence funds can be allocated.

Any building program (including the architectural plans) envisioned by a church receiving financial assistance must be approved by this committee.

2) Requests for approval or co-signing of loans by Presbytery or other church agencies for local churches must be approved by this committee prior to their presentation to the Council and Presbytery.

3) This committee shall counsel with the Pastor and Session of each church where annual sessional financial report shows that during the preceding year, that church gave less than 10% of the monies it expended for the benevolence causes of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. In calculating this, monies spent in building funds or capital outlay shall not be included. The purpose of this counsel shall be to help the church concerned grow in its support of the total mission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The report of the Council, as amended, was approved as a whole.

The Stated Clerk expressed the sincere appreciation of Presbytery and of Presbytery's Office to the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte for the accommodations and hospitality offered by First Church to the Presbytery for so many years.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by Roy W. Coker. Copies of the report were distributed, and action taken as follows:

The Commission on the Minister met on June 28, 1977. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery:

1. At his request and with the concurrence of the Session, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship between The Rev. Rodney C. Shoemaker as Associate Pastor and the Trinity Presbyterian Church effective September 15, 1977.
2. At his request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship between The Rev. Eldon Wadsworth and the Hopewell Presbyterian Church effective August 31, 1977, and granted a letter of transfer to Concord Presbytery in order that he might accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina.
3. The Commission expressed deep regret at Mr. Wadsworth's departure and commended him for his diligence and effectiveness both as a member and as the chairman of the Commission on the Minister.
4. The Rev. John R. MacKinnon appeared before the Commission to announce his resignation as Director of the Presbyterian Family Life Center.
5. In response to letters from The Rev. Javan Reid and the Stated Clerk of San Francisco Presbytery (UPCUSA), the Commission granted Mr. Reid a letter of transfer to San Francisco Presbytery in order that he might accept a call from the Contra Costa County Council of Churches.
6. The Commission granted The Rev. David C. Hambrick, Jr. a letter of transfer to Fayetteville Presbytery.
7. By the action of the General Assembly, standardized data forms on each employee of the Church will be mailed to each congregation for completion. It is requested that they be promptly filled out and returned to Presbytery's office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Commission recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that The Rev. Rodney C. Shoemaker be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as a student from September 15, 1977, until May 31, 1978.

2. The Commission recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that The Rev. John R. MacKinnon be designated Honorably Retired retroactive to June 30, 1977.
3. At the request of The Rev. Daniel L. Durway, the Commission recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as Interim Supply of Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church, Asheboro, North Carolina, from May 1 through June 26, 1977, and from August 20 to December 31, 1977.
4. The Commission recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that The Rev. Edward B. Cooper be designated as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Third Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, for a six-months period beginning July 1, 1977, or until a new minister is installed.
5. The Commission recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that The Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Sr. be designated Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of Rehobeth Church for a period of three months beginning July 1, 1977.
6. The Commission recommends to Mecklenburg Presbytery that The Rev. Robert Freeman be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery as Stated Supply of the Harrisburg Church through January 15, 1978, with the concurrence of the Presbytery of Concord.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Commission on the Minister met on September 20, 1977. The following actions are reported to Presbytery for information:

The Rev. William Ward reported that he has discharged his duties during the past year as advisor to Robert J. Garment as provided in BCO 27-6; and will continue as his advisor for another year.

The Commission makes the following recommendations to Presbytery:

1. That the call from the Ridgecrest Church to candidate Thomas L. Shields, III be found in order and placed in his hands, and a commission be appointed for his ordination and installation when Presbytery has completed and approved his examination for ordination and enrollment.

Terms of the call are as follows:

A. Compensation:	
1. Annual Salary	$ 9,400.00
2. Free use of Manse	
3. Utilities paid except long distance telephone calls	
4. Group Life and Major Medical Insurance	676.00
5. 12% to Ministers' Annuity Fund on basis $12,780.00	
B. Professional Allowances and Reimbursed Expenses	
1. Continuing Education, to be paid as follows if used	200.00
2. Automobile Expenses	
a. Automobile allowance	1,500.00

C. Additional Provisions
1. Moving expenses to the field
2. 1 month paid vacation
3. 2 weeks annual study leave with pay
4. Annual review of the terms of this call

2. That the call from the Locust Church to the Rev. Charles E. Kirkpatrick be found in order and placed in his hands, when Presbytery has completed and approved his examination for reception and en-

rollment in Presbytery, and that a Commission be appointed for his installation.

Terms of the call are as follows:

A.	Compensation	
	1. Annual Salary	$10,600.00
	2. Free use of Manse	
	3. Utilities provided except long distance calls	
	4. Group Life and Major Medical Insurance	
	5. Disability Insurance	
	6. Full dues to Ministers' Annuity Fund	
B.	Professional Allowances and Reimbursed Expenses	
	1. Continuing Education to be paid as used	200.00
	2. Automobile allowance	$ 1,600.00

C. Additional Provisions
   1. Moving expenses to the field
   2. 4 weeks paid vacation
   3. 2 weeks annual study leave with pay
   4. Annual review of the terms of this call

3. That the relationship existing between Mecklenburg Presbytery and The Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Jr. as Associate Presbyter for Christian Education be dissolved, that he may accept the call to the Third Church.

4. That the call from the Third Presbyterian Church to The Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Jr. to become the pastor of said church, be found in order and placed in his hands, and that a Commission be appointed to install Mr. McAlister at Third Church. The terms of the call are as follows:

A.	Compensation	
	1. Annual Salary	$12,300.00
	2. Housing Allowance	3,600.00
	3. Utilities	1,800.00
	4. Group Life and Major Medical	676.00
	5. ½ Social Security Payments	652.00
	6. 12% Minister Annuity	2,460.00
		$21,488.00
B.	Professional Allowances:	
	1. Continuing Education (as used)	250.00
	2. Automobile Expenses	2,800.00
	3. Four weeks paid vacation	
	4. Two weeks annual study leave with pay	
	TOTAL	$24,538.00

5. That The Rev. Russell M. Kerr be appointed as advisor to Thomas L. Shields, III, for a period of two years in accordance with BCO 27-6.

6. That Presbytery note the fact that Charles Timothy Carriker has been commissioned by the Division of International Missions of the General Assembly Mission Board as a Missionary to Brazil; and that in accordance with BCO 27-6 the Division of International Mission of the General Assembly Mission Board be requested to appoint an experienced Minister of the Brazil Mission to serve as advisor to Charles Timothy Carriker.

7. That the Minimum salary for ministers for 1978 be set as follows:
   Annual cash salary $10,000.00
   Free use of Manse or adequate housing allowance.
   Utilities paid or an adequate amount designated for this.
   Premium of Group Life and Major Medical
   Twelve per cent into Ministers' Annuity Fund on salary and all cash allowances.
   Continuing Education $ 200.00
   Automobile Allowance $ 2,000.00
   1 month paid vacation
   2 week study leave with pay
   Annual review of the terms of the call.

8. That The Rev. Robert E. Johnston of Atlanta Presbytery who has accepted the call to become Executive Director of the Presbyterian Family Life Center in Charlotte, be granted permission to labor within the bounds of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

9. Under the provision of BCO 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery,** and upon request of the Session we recommend that The Rev. Eugene L. Daniel be appointed as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Banks Church for six months beginning September 1, 1977.

10. Under the provision of BCO 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery,** and upon request of the Session we recommend that The Rev. F. Clyde Pratt be appointed as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Calvary Church for six months beginning September 1, 1977.

11. Under the provisions of BCO 15-4, and in accordance with the **Manual of Mecklenburg Presbytery,** and upon request of the Session we recommend that The Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Sr. be appointed as Interim Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Rehobeth Church for three months beginning October 1, 1977.

12. That Presbytery designate The Rev. James Sprunt Mann as Honorably Retired, effective September 1, 1977. (BCO 16-2)

Presbytery then adopted the motion to approve the report of the Commission as a whole and to place the calls in the hands of Pastors-elect, as follows:

Call from Locust Church to Charles E. Kirkpatrick;

Call from Third Church to Fred R. McAlister, Jr.;

Call from Ridgecrest Church to Thomas L. Shields, III.

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman of the Committee on Christion Education, expressed the gratitude of the Committee for the work of Fred R. McAlister, Jr. and moved that the Presbytery, by standing vote, express its sincere appreciation to Mr. McAlister for the work he has done as the Associate Presbyter in Christian Education. The Presbytery approved the motion.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, Lawrence I. Stell. Copies of the report were distributed. Opportunity was given for nominations from the floor, but none were offered. The committee's nominations were elected by acclamation, as follows:

TRUSTEES OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

1980—David Wilson (Steele Creek)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Lewis W. Bledsoe to be Chairman

Minister
1980—J. Randolph Taylor

Elders
1980—Mrs. W. Paul Smith (Marjorie) (Steele Creek)
1980—James V. Andrews (Caldwell Memorial)

PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS

James H. McKinnon, Jr. to be Chairman

Ministers
1980—Leroy Gwaltney
1980—Margaret B. Peery
1980—John B. Rogers, Jr.

Elders
1980—David Beers (Sharon)
1980—Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road)
1980—Yates Reep (Central Steele Creek)

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER

D. W. Oldenburg to be Chairman until December 31, 1977
Roy W. Coker to be Chairman beginning January 1, 1978

Ministers
1980—Glenn B. Robinson
1980—G. Carswell Hughs

Elders
1980—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1980—Mrs. Frank H. Caldwell (Covenant)

PRE-ORDINATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Ministers
1979—M. A. Cochrane, Jr.*
1980—Wilbur G. Maxwell

Elder
1980—Bennie Cross (Huntersville)

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

Minister
1980—Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.

Lay Member
1980—Donald Harris (South Tryon)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ministers
1980—Fred R. Horner
1980—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.

Lay Members
1980—Ms. Suzette Kincer (Davidson College)
1980—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1980—Mrs. Anne McQuiston (Covenant)

INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES

Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant) to be Chairman

Minister
1980—Albert G. Peery, Jr.

Lay Member
1980—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant)

*—Filling an unexpired term

PLANNING

William B. Young to be Chairman

Ministers
1980—D. W. Oldenburg
1980—Robert Burnett

Lay Members
1980—Mrs. Ray Plummer (Nancy) (Charlotte First)
1980—A. F. "Pete" Sloan (Carmel)

CHURCH ASSISTANCE

John A. Haley to be Chairman

Ministers	Lay Members
1978—Zane M. Moore*	1978—Mrs. Thad Biggers (Indian Trail)*
1980—Robert Benson	1979—Blair Cathey (Paw Creek)*
1980—Jennings B. Reid	1980—Carson Conder (St. John)
	1980—Mark Snoddy (Charlotte First)

SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Ministers	Lay Members
1980—Robert J. Garment	1980—Mrs. Ray Waltman (Philadelphia)
1980—Charles Norwood	1980—Mrs. R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

George Hunter to be Chairman

Minister	Lay Member
1980—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.	1980—James J. Kennedy (Forest Hill)

COURT MEETINGS

C. F. Jacks, Jr. to be Chairman

Minister	Lay Member
1980—C. F. Jacks, Jr.	1980—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)

INTERPRETATION

William A. Dysard, Jr. to be Chairman

Minister	Lay Member
1980—Warner L. Hall	1980—Mrs. James C. Helms, Jr. (Philadelphia)

*—Filling an unexpired term.

WORSHIP

Robert O. Freeman to be Chairman

Minister	Lay Member
1980—Robert Maclin, III	1979—John E. W. Clark (Philadelphia)*
	1980—Earl Berg (Charlotte First)

HAITI DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minister	Elders
1980—James H. McKinnon, Jr.	1980—Mrs. Henry L. Harkey (Myers Park)
	1980—Sam Ryburn (Covenant)

Advisory Member

1980—W. M. Edwards, II

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY'S REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE PRESBYTERIAN HOME OF CHARLOTTE, INC.

1980—Mrs. Douglas MacGregor (Sharon)	(Mrs. MacGregor has been shown in the Class of 1977 in the Directory of Presbytery. However, the Presbyterian Home requested that she be placed in the Class of 1980 to correspond to their records.)

A replacement for Reverend Russell M. Kerr, Class of 1977, will be named at the November meeting of Presbytery. Such person will be listed in the Class of 1981, as requested by Mr. Hunter, Director of Presbyterian Home.

*—Filling an unexpired term.

Nominations for vacancies on the Personnel Committee were made from the floor and elected, as follows:

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1980—J. Craig Butler	1980—Ray Killian (Myers Park)
1980—Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	1980—Mack P. Brown (Steele Creek)

The report of the Committee on Research and Strategy was presented by the Chairman, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr. The report had been distributed, and the chairman moved the adoption of a proposal to establish a Task Force for New Church Development, and Presbytery approved, as follows:

> The Research and Strategy Committee recommends to Presbytery that it appoint a Task Force for New Church Development at the three previously identified sites.
>
> I. Procedure
>
> 1. Composition of Task Force
>   - a. The Chairperson (1) shall be named by Presbytery upon nomination by the Personnel Committee.
>   - b. Two (2) members from the Deployment and Sustentation Committee (Chairman plus one)
>   - c. Two (2) members from Research and Strategy Committee (Chairman plus one)
>   - d. Chairman of the Council (1) and Chairman (1) of the Commission on the Minister or his appointee and the General Presbyter as Advisory Member.
>   - e. Three (3) members at large nominated by Personnel Committee.
>   - f. At least four (4) of the foregoing ten (10) members shall be lay persons.
> 2. Responsibilities: The Task Force on New Church Development shall be charged with the responsibility of recommending to Presbytery the procedure for developing new churches. Such recommendations shall include:
>   - a. Plan of Development
>   - b. Personnel to develop the plan (New Church Organization)
>   - c. Funding
>   - d. Continued supervision of the New Church Development and any other facets growing out of it until the new churches have been organized by Mecklenburg Presbytery.
>   - e. The Task Force may also recommend procedures for implementing other applicable recommendations in "Mecklenburg 21" with regard to New Church Development.
>
> II. INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS
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> Previous actions by Council, various committees of Presbytery and by Presbytery itself would suggest that the Task Force consider the following items in its initial development process:
>
> 1. Review adopted recommendations by Mecklenburg Presbytery. re: New Church Site Acquisition, New Church Development, etc.
> 2. Review the study, "Mecklenburg 21", the recommendations of the Research and Strategy Committee and the Deployment and Sustentation Committee adopted by Presbytery and then recommend a Priority List for new site acquisition (three new sites having been previously identified), New Church Development, etc.

A motion was then offered to expedite the implementation of this proposal and was adopted by Presbytery, as follows:

AD HOC TASK FORCE FOR NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

That the Personnel Committee, in consultation with Chairperson of Council, Research and Strategy, and Deployment and Sustentation nominate the membership of the Task Force to Presbytery's Council for appointment to immediate service, and bring to the November Meeting of Presbytery for confirmation.

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Deployment and Sustentation, presented the report of the committee, copies of which had been distributed.

Presbytery voted to approve the recommendation concerning the Robinson Church and the recommendations concerning the Newell Church, as follows:

That Presbytery grant its endorsement of the request of the Robinson Presbyterian Church's application for a loan of $65,000 from the North Carolina Synod funds for erecting a multi-purpose building for the Robinson Presbyterian Church.

1. The Deployment and Sustentation Committee recommends the favorable approval of a Grant/Loan of $60,000 to the Newell Presbyterian Church from the Mecklenburg Presbytery/Haiti Capital Funds Account.
2. Pending favorable approval of this Grant/Loan the funds will be provided according to the following schedule:

$10,000.	Grant:	To be paid by September 30, 1978;
$25,000.	Loan:	To be paid by September 30, 1978;
$25,000.	Loan:	To be paid by the First Quarter of 1979.

3. Repayment of the aggregate loan of $50,000. Will begin not later than when the commercial loans made by the Newell Presbyterian Church are satisfied in full or when the Church resources are adequate for earlier repayment.
4. Interest of 5% per annum will begin to accrue against the principal of the $50,000 loan on January 1, 1980. The first payment of interest will be July 1, 1980 and thereafter on a semi-annual basis.
5. Forgiveness of any part of the loan granted will be in accordance with the policy adopted by Mecklenburg Presbytery on February 24-25, 1975, as recorded in the Minutes of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Volume 5, No. 1, p. 31.

The following Commissions of Presbytery were appointed:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN CHARLES TIMOTHY CARRIKER AS AN EVANGELIST ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1977 AT 7:30 P.M. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MINISTERS:

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

Alfred L. Bixler (To preach the Sermon) (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

Harry W. Philips, To deliver the Charge to the Minister

Robert J. James, To deliver the Charge to the Church

F. A. Mathes, Ordination Prayer

RULING ELDERS:

John A. Carriker (Sardis)
Edmund B. Clark, Jr. (Sardis)
Samuel T. Cornwell (Westminster)
W. A. McCorkle (Westminster)
C. E. Cauthen (Westminster, Bluefield, W. Va.) (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL CHARLES E. KIRKPATRICK AS PASTOR OF LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1977 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions
Richard P. Shaw, To preach the Sermon
J. Arthur Beard, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
William M. Edwards, II

RULING ELDERS:

Joseph B. McCoy, Jr., M.D. (Trinity), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor
Larry M. Baucom (Locust)
Coil Barbee (Locust)
Fred McCallum (Monroe)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL THOMAS L. SHIELDS, III AS PASTOR OF THE RIDGECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1977 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions
Eldon D. Wadsworth, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)
Richard P. Shaw, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
Vernon H. Dodd

RULING ELDERS:

Roger Smith (Ridgecrest)
Puett Kidd (Hopewell)
Joe V. Hamilton (Williams Memorial)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL FRED R. McALISTER, JR. AS PASTOR OF THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1977 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINISTERS:

Jennings B. Reid, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions
Robert J. James, To preach the Sermon
Kenneth P. Craig, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., Prayer

RULING ELDERS:

Mrs. Lillian B. McAlister (Third), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor
Bruce Campbell (Hickory Grove)
Albert D. Leopold (Plaza)
Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)

Finley M. Grissett, Jr. made an announcement concerning International Missions Workshops.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by David E. Wilkinson, and adopted:

We, the members of Mecklenburg Presbytery, meeting in the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church this 27th day of September, 1977, thank God our Father for the numerous ways in which this church, its pastor and its members have contributed to the work of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and the Kingdom of Christ. We are grateful that this good work is continuing and growing in fruitfulness.

To Reverend Jeff Kesterson, pastor, the staff, the Officers and congregation, we express our sincere appreciation for the comfort of their beautiful sanctuary, and other fine facilities which have met our needs. To the Women of the Church we say THANK YOU for the delicious meal and refreshments served during the day.

Appreciation is also extended the Tony Tucker, Moderator, for presiding with expertise and decorum.

The Attendance Committee report was presented by J. Arthur Beard. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The members of Presbytery stood and were led in prayer by the Moderator. Mr. Tucker then pronounced the Benediction, and the court stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. November 15, 1977, at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Earle D. Roberts
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twenty-Fourth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
November 15, 1977

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened for its 24th Stated Meeting in the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 9:00 A.M. on November 15, 1977.

Opening Worship was led by Donald E. Stroud and Robert O. Freeman. Special music was provided by "A New Beginning", a women's ensemble from Sugaw Creek Church.

The Retiring Moderator, T. W. Tucker, called the meeting to order, and a quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk.

Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders were enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Harry H. Bryan, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Ken P. Craig, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., R. E. Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, W. A. Dysard, Jr., W. M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr.. J. David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, Robert J. Garment. J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Jr.. Leroy P. Gwaltney, III, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs. C. Frank Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., A. M. Keith, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, Charles E. Kirkpatrick, W. L. Kline, Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. W. Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay. John A. Luddy, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, F. A. Mathes, Wilbur G. Maxwell, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Roger P. Melton, Robert L. Morgan. Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, T. J. Nash. III, C. A. Norwood, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret Barnes Peery, Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., F. Clyde Pratt, M. B. Prince. Jr., Marcus B. Prince. III, Carl R. Pritchett, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell. Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, H. Howard Smith. R. E. Smith, Jr., John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, Donald E. Stroud, J. R. Taylor, L. W. Topping. T. W. Tucker, J. E. Wayland, Jr., John Edwin Wayland, Sr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr.. David E. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams. Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard, A. Leslie Thompson, E. E. Washington, William B. Ward.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Zane M. Moore,

D. W. Oldenburg, John R. Crawford, Dan L. Durway, W. Chester Keller, R. Rod Love, Charles C. Cowsert, Neely D. McCarter.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Leighton Ford, T. A. Little, Jr., A. J. McKelway, Jr., R. Z. Thomas, III, J. Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Joe F. Russell, M. C. Morgan; Albemarle Road, W. T. Robinson, Stough Garrison; Amity, Joe D. Pool; Banks, J. D. Perry; Bethel, H. L. Brown; Bethlehem, F. D. Helms; Caldwell Memorial, Grace Strickhouser; Calvary, Estelle Treadaway; Central Steele Creek, William P. Inman, Sr.; Charlotte First, Joseph W. Grier, Jr., Mrs. B. S. Howell, F. W. DeMeritt; Christ, N. J. Owens; Clanton Memorial, Ted Bostian; Cook's Memorial, Mrs. Carl H. Cooper; Cornelius, Ora Lee Reid; Covenant, Edwin R. Rencher, Ben T. Vernon, Jr., R. Don Dartnell, John W. Rosebro; Davidson College, George L. Abernethy; East, Mrs. Homer F. Gordon; First Union, Riley E. Morton; Forest Hill, Murray B. Craven, Jr., David F. Phillips; Hawley Memorial, Mary Ward; Hickory Grove, Marshall Alexander; Hopewell, Vance McElroy, Puett Kidd; Huntersville, Mark F. Tinkham; Indian Hill, J. W. Morgan; Indian Trail, J. J. Vickery; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyden; Mallard Creek, Howard Wilson, J. W. Kirk; Marshville, Elizabeth B. Gibson; Matthews, D. R. Cofer, Jr.; McQuay, Eloise Blackwell; Memorial, James A. Johnston; Monroe First, William Shoemaker, Morven, Thomas H. Whitley; Mulberry, Fred Miles; Myers Park, Alfred Canon, Edward F. Baesel, R. A. Bigger, Jr.; Newell, R. O. Kirstler; Norwood, Walter T. Upchurch; Oakboro, Linda Champion; Paw Creek, J. S. Glasscock, Forney E. Michael; Philadelphia, James H. McKay, Charles E. Stillwell; Plaza, Edward B. Messer, Jr.; Pleasant Hill, J. S. Choate; Providence, Lee M. Rea; Quail Hollow, Henry R. Williams; Ramah, Clyde Shinn; Ridgecrest, Grover Furr; Robinson, Melvin H. Batchalis; St. Andrews, Mrs. Lonnie Preston, Jr.; St. Giles, Rex Hoffman, Charles Deal; St. John, Carl A. Busby, Jr.; Sardis, Burl Burnham, Elmer Smith, Maurice Moore, Bill Kemp; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell, Billie J. McFall; Siler, Jimmy Wallace; Smallwood, Mary B. Luckey; Steele Creek, S. Wayne Whiteside, Herbert L. Reid; Sugaw Creek, L. P. Hunter, Jr., George Howie, C. L. Abernethy; Third, Mike Purser, S. H. Byrd; Thomasboro, Sam Bennett; Turner, Danny F. Little; Wadesboro, Clayton Gaddy; Waxhaw, Bill Carter; Westminster, Mildred McSpadden, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, Robert Jackson; Williams Memorial, T. C. Chapman.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Benton Heights, Pageland, Salem, Stephenson, Walkersville.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Avondale, Badin, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Beulah, Carmel, Lee Park, Locust, McGee, New Salem, Rehobeth, Seigle Avenue, Sharon, South Tryon, Trinity, Unionville, Camden.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Dottie Best, Ruth Farrior, Virginia H. Jones, Suzette Kincer, Helen Loyd, Eleanor M. McNair, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund, Julia Oliver.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

Robert S. Maclin, III, Moderator-in-Nomination, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

The Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, David E. Wilkinson, presented the Docket proposed for the meeting. The Docket was accepted by Presbytery.

THE DOCKET

1. Opening Worship—T. W. Tucker
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visiting Brethren

3. Election of Moderator, Robert S. Maclin, III, Moderator-Nominee
4. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings Committee), David E. Wilkinson
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements, Robert J. McMullen, Jr.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (Referral to Proper Committees) (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of the first recess).
8. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before morning recess)
   RECESS: 10:15-10:30 A. M.
9. Report of Division of Court Operations
    1. Personnel Committee, L. I. Stell
    2. Court Meetings Committee, David E. Wilkinson
    3. Interpretation Committee, Frank H. Caldwell
    4. Worship Committee, Donald E. Stroud
10. Special Orders of the Day

E. D. Witherspoon, Jr.	11:00-11:10 A. M.	Joy Gift Offering
J. Bruce Frye	11:10-11:35 A. M.	St. Andrews College
Robert Rayburn	11:35-11:40 A. M.	Evaluation and Review

11. Report of International Missions Committee, Finley M. Grissett (Special Order 11:40-12:25 P. M.)
    LUNCH: 12:30-1:30 P. M.
12. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, Jeff Aiken
    (First Order after Lunch)
13. Report of Presbytery's Council, R. A. Bigger, Jr.
14. Report of Commission on the Minister, D. W. Oldenburg
15. Report of Deployment and Sustentation and Research and Strategy Committee, C. L. Cheshire, Jr. and E. L. Daniel, Jr.
    (AMENDMENT TO MANUAL, SECOND READING)
16. Report of Task Force on Counseling, D. W. Oldenburg
    RECESS: 3:00-3:15 P. M.
17. Announcements (5 Minutes)
18. Unfinished Business: Resolution of Thanks, Attendance, Etc.
19. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
20. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Pastor of the Host Church, presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements, which was received as information.

The Moderator appointed Standing Committees for the meeting, as follows:

Bills and Overtures

T. W. Tucker, Chairman

John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
William M. Edwards, II
Mrs. Mildred McSpadden (Westminster)
Henry R. Williams (Quail Hollow)
Mrs. Eloise Blackwell (McQuay)

Tellers

Mrs. Margaret B. Peery, Chairman

M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
Glenn L. Hill
Roger P. Melton
J. Craig Butler
Carl Busby (St. John)
Murray B. Craven, Jr. (Forest Hill)
Thomas Upchurch (Norwood)

Attendance

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman

Paul A. Horne
Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.
Mrs. Linda Champion (Oakboro)
T. C. Chapman (Williams Memorial)

Resolutions

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman

French B. O'Shields, Jr.
Marcus B. Prince, III
Charles Hunter (Forest Hill)
N. J. Owens (Christ)
Bobby Overcash (Calvary)

The Stated Clerk presented communications received, as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences; these were referred to the Standing Committee on Attendance.
2. Certificate of Dismissal from Atlanta Presbytery for Robert E. Johnston.
3. Resolution from the Session of Sugaw Creek Church concerning dedication of infants. With the consent of Presbytery, this was referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.
4. Minutes of Commissions, to be admitted to record:

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR CHARLES TIMOTHY CARRIKER AS AN EVANGELIST ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1977 AT 7:30 P. M. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Commission met on October 2, 1977 at 7:00 P. M. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Leonard W. Topping, Chairman; Harry W. Philips, F. A. Mathes. **RULING ELDERS:** John A. Carriker, Jr., Edmund B. Clark, Jr., Samuel T. Cornwell, W. A. McCorkle. Reverend Alfred L. Bixler, Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, West Virginia, and Ruling Elder Charles E. Cauthen of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, West Virginia were present, both having been invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by the chairman. W. A. McCorkle was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination Service.

Harry W. Philips led the opening Worship Service. Alfred L. Bixler read as the Scripture Lesson Psalm 29 and Revelation 19:7, and led in prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Alfred L. Bixler on the subject: "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth".

Mr. Philips stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination Service.

Leonard W. Topping, Chairman of the Commission, propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to representatives of the Church at large and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer by F. A. Mathes. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Charles Timothy Carriker had been regularly Ordained as Evangelistic Overseas Missionary to Brazil.

A Charge to the Minister was delivered by Harry W. Philips.

A Charge to the Church at Large was delivered by F. A. Mathes.

Following prayer and a hymn, the newly ordained Minister-Missionary pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Leonard W. Topping.

W. A. McCorkle
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR CHARLES E. KIRKPATRICK AS PASTOR OF LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1977 AT 7:30 P. M.

The Commission met on October 9, 1977 at 7:00 P. M. at the church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Robert O. Freeman, Chairman, Richard P. Shaw, J. Arthur Beard and W. M. Edwards, II. **RULING ELDERS:** Joseph B. McCoy, M. D., L. M. Baucom, Coil Barbee, and Fred McCallum.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert O. Freeman. Fred McCallum was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Fred McCallum read the Scripture and W. M. Edwards, II had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Richard P. Shaw on the topic, "My Father's Business".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Locust Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Charles E. Kirkpatrick had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Locust Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Joseph B. McCoy, M. D.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by J. Arthur Beard.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by J. Arthur Beard.

Fred McCallum
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR THOMAS L. SHIELDS, III AS PASTOR OF RIDGECREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1977 AT 7:30 P. M.

The Commission met on October 16, 1977, at 7:00 P. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Robert J. James, Chairman; Richard P. Shaw, Jeff K. Aiken, Vernon H. Dodd, and Eldon D. Wadsworth, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. **RULING ELDERS:** Roger Smith, Puett Kidd and Joe Hamilton.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. Richard P. Shaw was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Eldon D. Wadsworth read the Scripture and also had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Eldon D. Wadsworth on the topic: "Launch Out! Let Down! Surprise!"

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Ridgecrest Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Thomas L. Shields. III had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Pastor of the Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Richard P. Shaw.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Jeff K. Aiken.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Jeff K. Aiken.

Richard P. Shaw
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR FRED R. McALISTER, JR. AS PASTOR OF THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1977 AT 7:30 P. M.

The Commission met on Sunday, November 6, 1977 at 7:15 P. M. at the church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Jennings B. Reid, Chairman; Robert J. James, Kenneth P. Craig, and F. R. McAlister, Sr. **RULING ELDERS:** Mrs. Lillian McAlister, Mrs. Dot Fesperman, Albert D. Leopold and Bruce Campbell.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Jennings B. Reid. Mrs. Dot Fesperman was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Kenneth P. Craig read the Scripture and Jennings B. Reid had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Robert J. James on the topic/text: "The Trouble Maker", Matthew 10:16-39.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Third Presbyterian Church Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Fred R. McAlister, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Mrs. Lillian McAlister.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Kenneth P. Craig.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Jennings B. Reid.

Mrs. Dot Fesperman
Secretary

Lawrence I. Stell, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee's nominations for filling vacancies on the Christian Education Committee. These were elected by Presbytery, as follows:

LAY MEMBERS:

C. Frank Mansfield (Covenant) Class of 1978 to replace Gabe C. Hill.

Mrs. Mary Sell (St. John) Class of 1978 to replace Mrs. Jane Walkup.

Mrs. Betty Houston (Sharon) Class of 1979 to replace Mrs. Lane D. Vickery.

(The Presbyterian Home, Inc., has not yet given the Personnel Committee the name to be submitted in nomination for the Class of 1981 to replace Russell M. Kerr whose term expires December 31, 1977. This nomination will be made at the February, 1978 meeting of Presbytery.)

David E. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the report of the Committee, including a recommendation for clarification of policy for the length of opening worship for meetings of Presbytery. After some discussion, the recommendation was adopted:

That usually the opening worship not last longer than thirty minutes, AND WHEN IT APPEARS THAT THE OPENING WORSHIP WILL LAST LONGER THAN THIRTY MINUTES, the Worship Committee is to notify the Court Meetings Committee asking for an extension of time.

For the information of Presbytery, Dr. Wilkinson announced the locations of future meetings:

February 28, 1978—Carmel Church

May 23, 1978—Albemarle First Church

September 26, 1978—Bethel Church

November 14, 1978—Huntersville Church

R. A. Bigger, Jr., Ruling Elder in the Myers Park Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination, by acclamation.

The Presbytery then stood in recess at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 A.M.

Donald E. Stroud, Chairman of the Worship Committee, presented the report of the Committee, which was received as information.

The Presbytery considered amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which had been approved by the 117th General Assembly, and recommended to the Presbyteries. Amendments dealing with the meeting of Synod (A.1-4) were presented by the Committee on Interpretation, and amendments dealing with the care of candidates (B.1-2) were presented by Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. The Presbytery voted to approve all six amendments.

William B. Ward, Chairman of the Administrative Commission of Clanton Memorial Church, gave an oral report on the work of the Commission for the information of Presbytery.

Lawrence I. Stell, Director of the Mecklenburg-Haiti Campaign, reported on the status of the Mecklenburg-Haiti Development Fund. The report was received as information.

Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr., of the staff of the Board of Annuities and Relief, spoke to Presbytery concerning the Joy Gift Offering.

Following a filmstrip on St. Andrews Presbyterian College, remarks were made concerning the college by Joseph B. Mullen, pastor of First Church, Greensboro, Trustee of the College, and Chairman of the Capital Funds Campaign for St. Andrews. Mr. Mullen was introduced by J. Randolph Taylor, who also presented Alvin P. Perkinson, Jr., President, and J. Bruce Frye, Vice-President of St. Andrews.

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman of the Evaluation and Review Committee, presented the report of the Committee, the recommendations of which were adopted by Presbytery, as follows:

1. That the 1976 Sessional Records of the following Churches be approved:

Albemarle
Albemarle Road
Amay James
Amity
Avondale
Badin
Banks
W. H. Belk
Benton Heights
Bethel-Cornelius
Bethlehem
Beulah-Lee Park
Caldwell Memorial
Calvary
Camden-Morven
Carmel
Central Steele Creek
Charlotte First
Christ
Clanton Memorial
Cook's Memorial
Covenant
Davidson College
East
First Union
Forest Hill
Hawley Memorial
Hickory Grove
Hopewell
Huntersville
Indian Hill
Indian Trail
Johnston Memorial
Locust
Mallard Creek
Matthews
McQuay
Memorial
Monroe First
Mulberry
Myers Park
Newell
Norwood
Oakboro
Pageland-Salem
Paw Creek
Philadelphia
Plaza
Pleasant Hill
Providence
Quail Hollow
Ramah
Rehobeth
Ridgecrest
Robinson
St. Andrews
St. Giles
St. John
Sardis
Seigle Avenue
Selwyn Avenue
Smallwood
South Tryon
Steele Creek
Stephenson
Sugaw Creek
Charlotte Third
Thomasboro
Trinity
Turner-Siler
Wadesboro
Walkersville
Waxhaw
Westminster
Westover Hills
Williams Memorial

2. That those churches not having sent in their 1976 Sessional Records be instructed to do so before December 15, 1977.

3. That 1977 Sessional Records be submitted by January 15, 1978. Bring them to Presbytery's Office or mail to Robert W. Rayburn, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28208.

Mr. Rayburn also presented a revised form for Sessional Records Examination, which was approved by Presbytery.

Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Chairman of the International Missions Committee, presented the committee's report. J. Wendell Ligon spoke briefly concerning the Charlotte Area Conference on Witness and Mission. Mr. Grissett then presented the several recommendations of the committee, which were approved. Following the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," Presbytery heard Dr. Vernon Broyles, Pastor-emeritus of North Avenue Church, Atlanta, Georgia, speak on a missions conference for a local church. The report of the committee, with recommendations, and a summary of Dr. Broyles' remarks were adopted, as follows:

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

"To accept Christ is to enlist under the missionary banner!"

The statement above was made by Dr. James Stewart. This is a vital truth which every Christian should come to realize and act upon. If this should happen the goal of the evangelization of the world in our generation would begin to be realized. A paradox exists today. The Church of Jesus Christ exists and has been planted in some form in every nation of the world, except Tibet. It is growing and in a few countries multiplying rapidly. An increasing number of able leaders from these national churches are coming to the fore as world churchmen. A few of these relatively young churches are now realizing their missionary responsibility and are sending forth evangels. For these facts we praise God. At the same time the world population is exploding at such a growth rate it dwarfs the increase of the universal church. Today the world population is estimated to be 4,019,000,000 people. Some project the growth will multiply to 6,000,000,000 by the year 2000. The results are paradoxical. There are more Christians in the world than ever before. 954,766,700, this includes all communions, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and others. The mission field is even greater, because of the size of the population there are more people than ever before who do not know that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself," 3,064,234,300 people if we use the figures above. Another observation is also worth noting, that since most of the population explosion is taking place in the countries that are predominately non-Christian, the Christian faith, despite its growth, is becoming increasingly a minority religion. This needs to be said to members of the Christian community who say that the day of Christian missions is past. Indeed quite the opposite is true. It has begun in a new fashion. Our work is jointly planned and carried out by our missionaries (295) and these national churches, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Zaire, Portugal, Indonesia, Belgium, and Nigeria, and with churches of other communions (Moravians in Nicaragua, Episcopalians in Haiti), united churches (Ecuador), and with Christian councils (Bangladesh). Support is given to thirteen seminaries and theological schools, eleven hospitals, six secondary schools, and five colleges and universities. Our Division of International Missions at its September meeting identified 24 new missionary positions of urgent need which can be appointed. This, in response to requests from overseas Churches for over 175 new missionaries. The response to the Second Mile Missionary Support Fund has been enthusiastic across the Church. By last year's end, $266,000 in cash had been received and about twice that amount pledged. Fifteen of the 295 were underwritten by this fund. A new appointment of missionaries is being made today. In spite of the necessity for the reduction in missionary strength, 50 appointments have been made for the continued service of missionaries overseas. Most of these were appointments in areas of critical needs, and Volunteers-in-Mission. (These persons go at their own expense). The response to the 1976 Witness Season Offering was $796,212.52, the largest ever given. The inflation rate in this country and in the nations where we have missions is the greatest single factor in controlling and in some places reducing the work and personnel. (Last year's report treated this more in detail.)

Your missions committee wishes to report what has been happening in Mecklenburg Presbytery in the cause of International Missions. Early this year we experienced an effective Conference on Witness and Mission among some of the churches of our Presbytery. (over 30 churches) This Summer 6 young people were given full scholarships to the Global Mission Conference held at Montreat, N. C. This Fall 1977, three International Missions Workshops were held across the Presbytery. Over 120 persons attended coming from 40 different churches. All of our Presbytery rejoiced in the appointment of Rev. Timothy Carriker as a regular missionary (full-time) to Brazil. At the Missions Conference in Montreat, N. C. he was the only regular mission appointee out of some 40 appointments.

Your committee is happy to report the following progress this year of 1977, in the giving of gifts for the cause of International Missions. These figures were supplied by Presbytery's Treasurer, as of the end of October 31, 1977.

$ 46,660.93	Christian Witness Offering
4,753.33	Mission
46,960.45	Missionary Support
33,000.00	Second Mile Missionary Support
$ 131,376.71	Total in Designated Mission Gifts
$ 18,605.67	Easter Offering for Relief and Hunger

We wish to commend Mecklenburg Presbytery on the adopted Benevolence Budget for the year 1978, which included a Challenge for Second Mile Missionary Support of $46,387.00 to be given after all other Benevolent quotas are received. May every church be encouraged to give their full benevolent askings and then rise to this challenge.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That every church be called to prayer for the cause of international missions and our missionaries. (groups, classes, services, Sessions meeting.)
2. That every church participate in the 1978 Witness Season observing the theme: "The Local Church in God's Mission," and "The Caribbean Crescent", by prayer by preaching and by program. (January-March)
3. That every church consider using in their Missions program:

   A Festival of Missions
   A School of Missions
   A Conference of Missions

   Each type of program has been effectively used by many churches. One of these, or a combination of two would help greatly in highlighting missions.
4. That all churches be urged to climax this observance by a Week of Prayer and Self Denial for international missions, and that they receive a Special Offering for this cause. (Witness Season Sunday being February 19, 1978) Goal for Presbytery is $60,000.00. Note: This goes in its entirety to the cause of international missions.
5. That full use of missionaries be made during their visit in our Presbytery. Rev. John Sommerville February 19-23, 1978, Korea. Dr. and Mrs. Jessie White, Haiti. Assignments made through chairman.
6. That full use of missionaries for the Charlotte Conference on Witness and Mission January 28-February 1, 1978 be made by the churches involved. Specifically that request be made for the days of Monday and Tuesday.
7. That all churches consider and adopt for its congregation one or more of the following for over and above gifts to missions: S.O.S. Projects, Support of Missionary, Second Mile Missionary Support. (also classes or groups)
8. That every church promote and receive the Easter Offering—One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday March 26, 1978. This is for the alleviation of World Hunger and Human Suffering.
9. That every church of our Presbytery encourage and send its members, its youth, and its local mission leaders to attend the Montreat Global Mission Conference July 15-21, 1978.
10. That the Presbytery be addressed by Dr. Vernon Broyles, minister emeritus, and former minister of North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga., and member of Atlanta Presbytery.

    (Dr. Vernon Broyles addressed Mecklenburg Presbytery concerning the cause of International Missions. While he was the Minister of North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, the church began and today continues to hold an annual four day World Missions Conference. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Acting on this truth the Conference holds forth the priority of World Missions. As a result, Dr. Broyles feels all phases of the church's work have prospered. Each Conference is climaxed by a challenge goal night when pledges for the year for World Missions are received. Beginning at $12,000 in 1958 the sum now is $125,000 a year. These gifts to World Missions are given over and above all other gifts. Experience has shown that they stimulate all other giving and every part of the Church's witness. Dr. Broyles challenged the churches of Mecklenburg to consider this method of promotion of and support for World Missions.)

11. That churches be alerted to pray for the Mission Consultation February 2-9, 1978. Christian leaders from overseas partner churches will participate.
12. That the Presbytery be led in prayer for the cause of International Missions by Finley Grissett.

Following prayer by Thomas L. Shields, III, Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P.M., Presbytery was reconvened with the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Moderator.

Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Chairman of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, presented the report of the committee. T. W. Tucker for the sub-committee on Minister Transfers moved that Robert E. Johnston be admitted to examination for reception into Presbytery. The motion was approved.

Mr. Johnston made a personal statement concerning his Christian experience. He then responded to questions concerning his views on theology, sacraments and Church government, with opportunity for questions from the floor. The Presbytery voted to sustain the examination as satisfactory, to welcome Mr. Johnston into Presbytery, and to invite him to sign the Roll Book of Ministers.

Leonard W. Topping for the sub-committee on Care of Candidates presented Herbert Forbes Gale, Jr., a student at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and a member of Myers Park Church, for examination for reception as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

Mr. Gale made a statement concerning his Christian experience. He then answered questions concerning his call to the ministry and his motives for seeking the Ministry of the Word. The Presbytery then voted to receive Mr. Gale as a candidate under its care.

The Moderator stated the approval given by the Church Session and by Presbytery. He then asked the Constitutional Questions which were answered in the affirmative by the candidate. As Mr. Gale knelt, prayer was offered by Albert G. Peery, Associate Pastor of Myers Park Church. A charge to the candidate was given by J. Randolph Taylor, Pastor of Myers Park Church. Following this, the Moderator declared that Mr. Gale had been received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and directed that his name be recorded on the Roll of Candidates for the Ministry.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by R. A. Bigger, Jr., Chairman, and was adopted by Presbytery, as follows:

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Council will hold a planning retreat on Saturday, December 17, 1977, for present and in-coming Council members.

2. Presbytery's office staff is working out an improved mailing process. A letter has been sent to each church requesting an update on all mailing lists. Please see that your church complies with this request.

3. Council appropriated $600.00 from its Contingency Fund to be given to Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church in order to cover the cost of needed sheetrock work.

4. NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE. The following persons have been appointed to the Task Force:

Mr. Randolph Norton (Sardis), Chairman
Rev. Lewis Bledsoe (Representing Presbytery's Council), Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Julia Maulden (Davidson College)
Mrs. Katherine Preyer (Myers Park)
Dr. Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.
Rev. Roy Coker (Representing the Commission on the Minister)
Rev. John A. Haley (Representing Church Assistance Committee)
Mr. William Young (Representing Planning Committee)
Mr. Marcus F. Snoddy (Charlotte First) (Representing Church Assistance Committee)
Dr. Robert S. Hough (Representing Planning Committee)

5. MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY CENTER. A Renovation Committee has been appointed as follows:

Mr. B. D. Rodgers (Plaza), Chairman
Mr. Jerry W. Neal (Paw Creek)
Mr. Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)

6. ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. A Search Committee to secure a new Associate for Christian Education has been appointed as follows:

Rev. Fred R. Horner, Chairman
Miss Helen Loyd (Paw Creek)
Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
Dr. William G. Katibah, Jr.
Mr. William Anderson (Sardis)
Mr. W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro, First)
Rev. William A. Dysard

7. At the present time, Mecklenburg Presbytery has guaranteed or endorsed a number of outstanding loans to churches. Mr. Leopold will be maintaining and updating a current list of such guarantees and endorsements for future reference.

8. We have been requested to inform the Presbytery that the Board of Trustees of The Presbyterian Home At Charlotte has adopted the following definition with reference to the "Service Area" of Sharon Towers:

> "All geographical area within a 30 mile radius of Charlotte. In the case of a person who is a member of the Presbyterian

Church, U.S., the service area also encompasses all of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Any person who is on the active roll of a church in Mecklenburg Presbytery will be considered to live within our service area regardless of his or her place of residence. Any member of the Clergy who is a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery will be considered to be in the service area regardless of his/her place of residence."

9. Council has appropriated $2,000 from its Contingency Fund to be paid to the Division on International Mission, as part of its cost of producing a film on the work of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in the Caribbean area, and featuring the mission work being sponsored by Mecklenburg Presbytery in Haiti. This film will be available to churches for use during the 1978 Mission Season. Council invites the Haiti Commission to consider assisting in financial support for the production of this film.

10. At its September meeting, Presbytery considered the question of the preparation of our Commissioners to the General Assembly, and referred the matter to the Council for more study. At this time, Council does not recommend the sending of alternate Commissioners to General Assembly meetings. The matter is under further study, with a view to the following:

A. We need to do a better job equipping our Commissioners to serve General Assemblies.

B. The attendance of alternate and advisory persons raises the questions of the increased numbers of people at General Assembly meetings and needs further study.

C. Council intends to pursue the matter further with other Presbyteries and with the Division of Court Partnership Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery hear the report of Neil McMillan, concerning the Hunger Task Force.

2. That Presbytery hear the report of Lawrence I. Stell, concerning the Mecklenburg-Haiti Campaign.

3. That the report of the Central Treasurer and Finance Officer be received as information.

In connection with the report of Council, Presbytery heard the report of the Hunger Task Force given by Neil M. McMillan. Approval was voted for the recommendation.

That the Mecklenburg Presbytery Task Force on Hunger be dissolved as of December 31, 1977, and that the funds earmarked for the Vietnamese family be lodged with the Specialized Ministry Committee to be used as needed and recommended by Cullen Ferguson, their adviser and friend.

Roy W. Coker presented the report of the Commission on the Minister, which was approved by Presbytery.

The Commision on the Minister met on October 18, 1977. The following actions were taken and are reported to the Presbytery as information:

1. At his request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the pastoral relationship between The Rev. A. Merrell Keith and the Siler and Turner Churches will be dissolved, effective December 31, 1977.

2. At his request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the pastoral relationship between The Rev. William B. Ward and the Covenant Presbyterian Church will be dissolved, effective December 31, 1977.

3. The Commission voted to approve the financial forms related to church staff salaries requested by the General Assembly, and to forward the forms to member churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery. We urge all churches to return these forms at their earliest convenience.

The Commission on the Minister makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Rev. A. Merrell Keith be designated honorably retired by Mecklenburg Presbytery, effective December 31, 1977.
2. That the Rev. William B. Ward be designated honorably retired by Mecklenburg Presbytery, effective December 31, 1977.
3. That Mecklenburg Presbytery express its gratitude to God for the many years of faithful service rendered by the Rev. A. Merrell Keith and the Rev. William B. Ward

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

4. That The Rev. Raeford Rodney Love be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery through June 30, 1978 as a student at St. Andrews in Scotland.
5. The terms of the Call from the Presbyterian Family Life Center to The Rev. Robert E. Johnston as the Director of the Center are in order. The Commission recommends that the call be placed in his hands upon his successful completion of his examination and approval by Presbytery. The terms are as follows:

Base salary	$17,700.00
Housing & Utilities	5,800.00
Annuity	3,140.00
Insurance	672.00
Professional Association expenses, as needed not to exceed	1,700.00
Total	$29,012.00

A service of recognition for the faithful service of A. Merrell Keith and William B. Ward was conducted. Remarks were made by Robert W. Rayburn and John W. Rosebro, and prayer was offered by Lewis W. Bledsoe. Mr. Coker then presented plaques to Mr. Keith and Dr. Ward.

Presbytery stood in recess at 3:00 P.M. and reconvened at 3:15 P.M.

C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. reported for the Committee on Deployment and Sustentation and for the Committee on Research and Strategy. He presented for SECOND READING amendments to the MANUAL OF PRESBYTERY to establish a Planning Committee and a Church Assistance Committee in place of the present two committees. He moved the adoption of the revised pages for the MANUAL which had been distributed (pages 14 and 14-A, "Revision by Addition November 15, 1977"), the wording of which was included in the Minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 1977. The Presbytery voted to adopt.

Lewis W. Bledsoe reported for the Task Force on Counseling and presented Robert E. Johnston, new Director of the

Presbyterian Family Life Center. Mr. Johnston spoke briefly on the work of the Center.

T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the report of the committee, which was adopted:

That the overture from the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church concerning the appropriateness of the dedication of infants apart from baptism be referred to the Interpretation Committee for its study and advice with the request that the Interpretation Committee report on this matter at the February 1978 meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Standing Committee on Attendance was presented by Paul A. Horne. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

Marcus B. Prince, III, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted:

We, who have made up the 24th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery on November 15, 1977, wish to express our feelings of gratitude and joy for this day and this meeting which we have shared together.

We express our gratitude to God for His presence and His guidance upon our meeting. We pray that all that we have done has been done to His honor and glory.

We also express our deep appreciation to the congregation of the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality in sharing the facilities of this beautiful, historic church for our meeting and for taking care of our every need and comfort in a most warm way. As God has blessed this church over its many years of useful service to God's kingdom and Mecklenburg Presbytery, we pray for His continued blessing on them in the years ahead.

We are thankful to those who came and spoke to us of different concerns and opportunities of the church as a whole. We are especially grateful for the inspiring and enjoyable message brought to us by the recently retired pastor of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Vernon S. Broyles.

And to our moderator, Robert S. Maclin, III we express our appreciation for a job well done. He directed the business of the court in such a way that we were able to accomplish all of our work and head for our homes at an early hour.

The motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The members of Presbytery stood and were led in prayer by the Moderator. Mr. Maclin then pronounced the benediction, and the Court stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A.M. on February 28, 1978, at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Earle D. Roberts
Recording Clerk

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR		PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Jan.,	1962	Steele Creek Church	Rev. G. E. Dixon
April,	1962	Hopewell Church	Rev. J. E. Craig
July,	1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct.	1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. Marcus Prince, Jr.
Jan.	1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April,	1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July,	1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct.,	1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan.,	1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April,	1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July,	1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct.,	1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan.	1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April,	1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July,	1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct.	1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan.,	1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April,	1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July,	1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct.,	1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan.,	1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April,	1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July,	1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct.,	1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan.,	1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April,	1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct.,	1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan.,	1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April,	1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct.,	1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb.	1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May,	1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept.,	1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov.,	1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb.,	1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May,	1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept.,	1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov.,	1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb.,	1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May,	1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept.,	1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov.,	1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb.,	1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May,	1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept.,	1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov.,	1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb.	1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May	1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept.,	1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov.,	1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb.	1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May	1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford
Sept.	1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov.	1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig
Feb.	1976	Sardis Church	Rev. Glenn B. Robinson
May	1976	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Eldon D. Wadsworth
Sept.	1976	Quail Hollow Church	Price H. Gwynn, III
Nov.	1976	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Edward C. Wilson
Feb.	1977	Selwyn Avenue Church	Austin C. Thies
May	1977	Albemarle Road Church	Rev. C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
Sept.	1977	Thomasboro Church	Rev. T. W. Tucker
Nov.	1977	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert S. Maclin, III

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
1978

Officers of The Presbytery:

R. A. Bigger, Jr., Moderator of February Meeting, 3813 Fellsway Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Billy G. McCall, Moderator of May Meeting, Route 4, Box 471-F, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Robert J. James, General Presbyter-Stated Clerk, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Treasurer: Albert D. Leopold, P. O. Box 2537, Charlotte, N. C. 28234

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1979—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)

1980—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (3), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (2), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (2)

Presbytery:

Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant), Chairman, 2242 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

1978—David Berryhill (Albemarle Road)

1979—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant) (Chm.)

1980—David Wilson (Steele Creek)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, 7407 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1978—Lewis W. Bledsoe (Chm.)
1978—Richard P. Shaw
1979—William G. Katibah, Jr.
1979—Jeff T. Kesterson
1980—J. Randolph Taylor

Elders

1978—Mrs. Sara Wright (Hickory Grove)
1979—Don R. Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1979—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro First)
1980—Mrs. Marjorie Smith (Steele Creek)
1980—James V. Andrews (Caldwell Memorial)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

James H. McKinnon, Jr., Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers

1978—T. W. Tucker
1978—Warren Nance
1978—James H. McKinnon, Jr. (Chm.)
1979—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1979—Earle D. Roberts
1979—D. Scott Lindsay
1980—L. P. Gwaltney, III
1980—Margaret B. Peery
1980—Harry W. Philips

Elders

1978—A. O. Canon (Myers Park)
1978—Mrs. Sam Favor (Avondale)
1978—Harvey W. Johnston, M. D. (Forest Hill)
1979—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1979—Mrs. John E. Butler (Amity)
1979—Reuben Tomberlin (Indian Trail)
1980—David Beers (Sharon)
1980—Raleigh Shoemaker (Selwyn Avenue)
1980—Yates Reep (Central Steele Creek)

2. Commission on the Minister

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers

1978—Edward C. Wilson
1978—Charles E. S. Kraemer
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1979—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1980—Glenn B. Robinson
1980—G. Carswell Hughs

Elders

1978—Mrs. Nancy Odham (St. John)
1978—James R. Nisbet (Carmel)
1979—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1979—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1980—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1980—Mrs. Fannie Caldwell (Covenant)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers

1978—Fred C. Holder (Chm.)
1979—M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
1980—Wilbur G. Maxwell

Elders

1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)
1980—Bennie Cross (Huntersville)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Robert W. Rayburn, Chairman, 2461 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers

1978—Robert W. Rayburn (Chm.)
1979—Russell M. Kerr
1980—Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.

Lay Members

1978—David Beach (Badin)
1979—Paul Bell (Trinity)
1980—Donald Harris (South Tryon)

2. Christian Education

Kenneth P. Craig, Chairman, 1600 Mallard Creek Church Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Ministers

1978—Kenneth P. Craig (Chm.)
1978—Robert E. Smith, Jr.
1979—Wallace Johnson
1979—Kenneth Woodard
1980—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
1980—Fred Horner

Lay Members

1978—C. Frank Mansfield (Covenant)
1978—Mrs. Gloria Bryson (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Mary Sell (St. John)
1978—Mrs. Carolyn Nelson (Bethel)
1979—Robert C. Hinkle (Badin)
1979—Mrs. Betty Houston (Sharon)
1979—Mrs. Morrison Irwin (St. Andrews)
1980—Mrs. Anne McQuiston (Covenant)
1980—Mrs. Carlita Hunter (Mallard Creek)
1980—Mrs. Elaine Barnett (Monroe First)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D., Chairman, 2208 Wellesley Avenue,
Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers

1978—W. R. Otey, III
1979—J. Craig Butler
1980—Albert G. Peery, Jr.

Lay Members

1978—Miss Ann Vickers (Sardis)
1979—Mark Tinkham (Huntersville)
1980—Lawrence K. Boggs, M.D. (Covenant) (Chm.)

2. Planning

William B. Young, Chairman, 9100 York Road, Charlotte,
N. C. 28210

Ministers

1978—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
1978—W. L. Kline
1979—H. Louis Patrick
1979—Robert S. Hough
1980—D. W. Oldenburg
1980—Robert E. Burnett

Lay Members

1978—William B. Young (Central Steele Creek) (Chm.)
1978—John M. McEwen (Philadelphia)
1979—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1979—M. E. Yandle (Steele Creek)
1980—Mrs. Ray Plummer (Charlotte First)
1980—A. F. "Pete" Sloan (Carmel)

3. Church Assistance

John A. Haley, Chairman, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, N. C.
28209

Ministers

1978—Zane M. Moore
1978—Glenn L. Hill
1979—James H. Sell, Jr.
1979—John A. Haley (Chm.)
1980—Robert Benson
1980—Jennings B. Reid

Lay Members

1978—Miss Ann Duckwall (Albemarle First)
1978—Mrs. Thad Biggers (Indian Trail)
1979—Jack Cathey (Third)
1979—Blair Cathey (Paw Creek)
1980—Carson Conder (St. John)
1980—Mark Snoddy (Charlotte First)

4. Specialized Ministry

Mrs. R. A. Bigger, Jr., Chairperson, 3813 Fellsway Road,
Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers

1978—H. Howard Smith
1978—Tom Reinowski
1979—Neil C. Leach
1980—Robert J. Garment
1980—Charles Norwood

Lay Members

1978—Ed Parnell (Avondale)
1978—Don Haas (First Union)
1978—Michael E. Gheesling (Robinson)
1979—D. G. Martin (Seigle Avenue)
1980—Mrs. Ray Waltman (Philadelphia)
1980—Mrs. R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) (Chm.)

5. International Missions

George H. V. Hunter, Chairman, Box 705, Badin, N. C. 28009

Ministers

1978—J. Wendell Ligon
1979—George H. V. Hunter (Chm.)
1980—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.

Lay Members

1978—Mrs. Boyd Adams (Christ)
1979—Glenn Cathey (Paw Creek)
1980—James J. Kennedy (Forest Hill)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel

L. I. Stell, Chairman, Route 2—Box S540, Denver, N. C. 28037

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1978—Richard P. Shaw	1978—Mrs. Edith Gardner (Seigle Avenue)
1978—L. I. Stell (Chm.)	1978—Mrs. Edith McLendon (Oakboro)
1979—Zane M. Moore	1979—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1979—J. David Fletcher	1979—Larry Baucom (Locust)
1980—Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	1980—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1980—J. Craig Butler	1980—Mack P. Brown (Steele Creek)

2. Court Meetings

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman, 1029 Sewickley Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1978—French B. O'Shields, Jr.	1978—N. J. Owens (Christ)
1979—Marcus B. Prince, III	1979—Bobby Overcash (Calvary)
1980—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. (Chm.)	1980—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

William A. Dysard, Jr., Chairman, 5601 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28208

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1978—W. A. Dysard, Jr. (Chm.)	1978—Miss Ruth Farrior (Plaza)
1979—Earl R. MacCormac	1979—J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road)
1980—Warner L. Hall	1980—Mrs. James C. Helms, Jr. (Philadelphia)

2. Worship

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman, 1727 Flynnwood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers	**Lay Members**
1978—J. Arthur Beard	1978—Hugh Neisler (Pageland)
1979—Robert O. Freeman (Chm.)	1979—John E. W. Clark (Philadelphia)
1980—Robert S. Maclin, III	1980—Earl Berg (Charlotte First)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1978—W. C. Matthews, M.D. (Myers Park)
1979—G. Carswell Hughs
1980—Mrs. Douglas MacGregor (Sharon)
1980—Charles L. Kirby

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

Robert J. James
Charles L. Kirby

Haiti Development Commission

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers

1978—T. W. Tucker
1979—Douglas W. Oldenburg (Chm.)
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1980—James H. McKinnon, Jr.

Ruling Elders

1978—Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
1978—William C. Sugg, Jr., M.D. (Covenant)
1979—Mrs. Hugh D. Verner (Myers Park)
1979—T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)
1980—Mrs. Henry Harkey (Myers Park)
1980—Sam Ryburn (Covenant)

Advisory Members

1978—Paul Brown (Steele Creek)
1979—Harold Hope, M.D. (Charlotte First)
1980—William M. Edwards, II

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, Mrs. Judy Fletcher (Amity), G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster), Mrs. Ruth Topping (Charlotte First), Mrs. Marie Stinson (Plaza)

Task Force on Counseling

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Mrs. Lillian McAlister (Third), Mrs. Ann Smoak (Trinity), David E. Wilkinson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Russell M. Kerr.

Women of the Church President

Mrs. Claire Godfrey, Route 10-Box 596, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Men of the Church President

Joe McCrorey, 6700 Farmingdale Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Presbyterian Ministers Association President

Marcus B. Prince, III, Rt. 2-Box 433, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Sub-Committee on Records of Evaluation and Review Committee

E. B. Cooper, J. S. Garner, F. S. Jones, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. W. MacLean, A. Leslie Thompson, M. B. Prince, Jr.

Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	6-26-21	
M. B. Prince, Jr. H.R.	6-16-29	
Roy F. Whitley, H.R.	7-23-45	
Charles E.S. Kraemer, H.R.	11-26-45	
Warner L. Hall	4-16-46	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean, H.R.	4-16-46	
David E. Wilkinson	7-17-51	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper, H.R.	7-17-51	
Russell M. Kerr	7-15-52	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	7-19-52	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	1-20-53	
W. G. Workman, H.R.	4-21-53	
Fred C. Holder	7-11-54	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	1-18-55	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	4-12-55	
Leighton S. Ford	4-12-55	Evangelist
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	6-15-56	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	3-5-57	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	4-16-57	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	11-5-57	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	4-21-59	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	7-21-59	
Daniel L. Durway	9-15-59	
David G. Boyce	9-20-60	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	1-24-61	Director Alexander Children's Center
H. Louis Patrick	1-22-63	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	4-16-63	
J. Arthur Beard, H.R.	7-16-63	
Eugene P. Poe, H.R.	7-16-63	
Charles Betts Huntley	7-23-61	Foreign Missionary
William D. Morton	7-21-64	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., H. R.	10-20-64	
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	1-26-65	
Paul W. Beazley	7-19-65	Graduate Student
Paul A. Horne	7-20-65	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith, H.R.	10-19-65	
J. Daniel Zeluff	10-19-65	Interpreter's House
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	7-19-66	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	10-18-66	South Tryon
Robert J. James	10-18-66	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk

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Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	10-18-66	Third
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	10-18-66	
Zane M. Moore	1-24-67	Central Steele Creek
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	7-18-67	
Kenneth P. Craig	7-18-67	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	7-18-67	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	10-17-67	
John E. Smylie	10-17-67	
Edward C. Wilson	1-23-68	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn	1-23-68	Christ
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	7-16-68	
James S. Mann, H.R.	7-28-68	
H. E. Stoessel	10-15-68	
Neil C. Leach	1-28-69	Executive Director, Planned Parenthood
Robert S. Maclin, III	1-28-69	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	4-15-69	
Roy W. Coker	4-15-69	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	7-15-69	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford, H.R.	7-15-69	
C. Franklin Jacks	7-15-69	
Raeford Rodney Love	7-27-69	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	10-20-69	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	10-20-69	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	10-20-69	
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	12-9-69	
Charles L. Kirby	2-24-70	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	2-24-70	Ramah
Joe P. Arnold	5-26-70	
Robert S. Hough	11-24-70	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	11-24-70	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	11-24-70	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	2-23-71	
Charles C. Cowsert	2-23-71	Executive Secretary, Board of Annuities and Relief
Robert O. Freeman	5-25-71	
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	9-28-71	
Jennings B. Reid	9-28-71	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	9-28-71	Albemarle Road
Earl R. MacCormac	11-16-71	Professor
Douglas W. Oldenburg	2-22-72	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	2-22-72	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	2-22-72	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	2-22-72	Steele Creek
James David Fletcher	2-22-72	Amity (Associate)
Robert C. Benson	5-23-72	Beulah-Lee Park
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	9-26-72	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	9-26-72	
G. Carswell Hughs	9-26-72	Charlotte First

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William B. Ward, H. R.	11-28-72	
Robert E. Burnett	2-27-73	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	2-27-73	
William M. Edwards, II	5-22-73	Monroe First
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	5-22-73	Admin. Davidson College
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	6-24-73	Davidson College (Associate)
Earle D. Roberts	9-25-73	Covenant (Associate)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	9-25-73	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	9-25-73	McQuay
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	9-25-73	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	9-25-73	Plaza
E. E. Washington	9-25-73	Smallwood
Fred R. Horner	11-27-73	Covenant (Associate)
J. W. Ligon	2-26-74	Carmel
W. G. Nance	2-26-74	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon, H.R.	5-28-74	
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	5-28-74	Walkersville
David Scott Lindsay	6-16-74	Charlotte First (Associate)
R. E. Smith, Jr.	9-24-74	Sardis (Associate)
Neil M. McMillan	9-24-74	Selwyn Avenue
Vernon H. Dodd	10-13-74	Siler
Kenneth Woodard	11-19-74	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	11-19-74	Sharon
W. L. Kline, Jr.	2-25-75	Memorial
John R. Crawford	2-25-75	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	2-25-75	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	4-6-75	Myers Park (Associate)
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	5-27-75	
Roger P. Melton,	5-27-75	Altan-Bethany
George H. V. Hunter	5-27-75	Badin
Donald E. Stroud	6-22-75	Graduate School
Thomas K. Reinowski	6-22-75	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
J. Craig Butler	6-29-75	Benton Heights
H. Howard Smith	9-23-75	Robinson
Carl R. Pritchett, H.R.	9-23-75	
J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	11-18-75	Huntersville
J. R. Taylor	2-24-76	Myers Park
J. H. Sell, Jr.	2-24-76	St. John
Jeff T. Kesterson	2-24-76	Thomasboro
Wilbur G. Maxwell	5-25-76	Pageland-Salem
Leroy P. Gwaltney, III	5-25-76	Albemarle First (Associate)
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	5-25-76	Myers Park (Associate)
Harry W. Philips	5-25-76	Westminster
John A. Haley, Jr.	5-25-76	Avondale
Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.	6-27-76	Camden-Morven
Charles A. Norwood	9-28-76	St. Andrews
Robert J. Garment	10-9-76	Westover Hills
R. J. McMullen, Jr.	2-22-77	Sugaw Creek
Charles E. Kirkpatrick	9-27-77	Locust
F. Clyde Pratt, H.R.	9-27-77	
Charles Timothy Carriker	10-2-77	Evangelist
Thomas L. Shields, III	10-16-77	Ridgecrest
Robert E. Johnston	11-15-77	Executive Director, Presbyterian Family Life Center
Fred R. Stair,	2-28-78,	President, Union Seminary, Richmond
J. Arthur Sanders, H.R.	2-28-78	
Leighton B. McKeithen,	5-23-78	Covenant (Associate)
Total Ministers		**142**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Sidney Franklin Batts, Princeton Seminary, Third Church

Jane Flowe Brawley, Agnes Scott College, Robinson Church

Samuel David Carriker, Columbia Seminary, Sardis Church

Richard Donald Carriker, Princeton Seminary, Sardis Church

Robert Andrew Cathey, Davidson College, Third Church

G. Wayne Cole, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Frederick Alvin Herbert Coates, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Fred Craven Douglas, Appalachian State University, Huntersville Church

Gary Steven Eller, Princeton Seminary, Myers Park Church

Robert Curtis Fussell, III, Louisville Seminary, Sardis Church

Herbert Forbes Gale, Jr., Union Seminary, Myers Park Church

Eleanor Alexander Galloway, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Zeb Brad Long, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, University of Pennsylvania, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

David Harold Sutton, Union Seminary, Albemarle First Church

John Haywood Williams, Jr., Columbia Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

Lewis Williams, Davidson College, St. Giles Church

ROLL OF CHURCHES

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Churches	**Clerks Of Session**	**Treasurers**
Albemarle	Fetzer Hartsell P. O. Box 667 Albemarle 28001	Mark Mabry 634 Yadkin St. Albemarle 28001
Albemarle Road	Mrs. Barbara D. Berryhill 3534 Campbell Dr. Charlotte 28205	Timothy H. Campbell 14201 Creekside Drive Matthews 28105
Altan	Odus Doster Route 5, Box 868 Monroe 28110	James E. Cox Route 5 Monroe 28110
Amay James	Melvin Murriel 2510 Sherrill Ave. Charlotte 28208	Ms. Addie B. Whiteside 2913-E Dalton Vig. Dr. Charlotte 28208
Amity	William Ben Stokes, Jr. 3721 Slagle Ave. Charlotte 28215	J. Randolph Shaw 7435 Crowflock Ct. Matthews 28105
Avondale	Edd W. DeArmon 1015 Habersham Dr. Charlotte 28209	D. J. Saleeby 1838 Brookdale Ave. Charlotte 28210
Badin	Jerry M. Hudson Box 923 Badin 28009	Donald A. Beck Box 795 Badin 28009
Banks	Ralph C. Kelley Box 320, Route 1 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715	F. Parks Stephenson Route 2 Fort Mill, S. C. 29715
W. H. Belk	Johnny Brown 1017 Nations Drive Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Hester Shytle 1345 Choyce Ave. Charlotte 28210
Benton Heights	Patricia A. Bickett 711 S. Church St. Monroe 28110	Ms. Dianne Edwards P. O. Box 911 Monroe 28110
Bethany	Paul Whitley Route 5 Monroe 28110	Mrs. Edith Doster Route 5 Monroe 28110
Bethel	J. Wilson Knox Route 2, Box 208 Huntersville 28078	Steve Knox Route 1, Box 97 Mooresville 28115
Bethlehem	Donald H. Price Route 1, Box 616 Indian Trail 28079	Danny K. Philemon Route 2 Monroe 28110
Beulah	Carson Rorie Route 3 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Milton Griffin P. O. Box 32 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Caldwell Memorial	Mrs. Shirlene Regehr 232 Mountain View Dr. Matthews 28105	Mrs. Eva H. Hunter 2137 East 5th St. Charlotte 28204
Calvary	Bobby Overcash 179 Beverly Drive—N.E. Concord 28025	Jimmy White P. O. Box 368 Cornelius 28031
Camden	Floyd Dutton 318 Lansford Dr. Wadesboro 28170	Miss Ethel Hildreth Route 3, Box 64 Wadesboro 28170
Carmel	C. Clifford Blythe 2048 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211	William P. Hobson 2048 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211

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Central Steele Creek	Yates W. Reep 12501 Delshire Ln. Charlotte 28210	Kent Winslow 3104 Rhett Court Charlotte 28210
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Christ	James B. Marley 2446 Arty Ave. Charlotte 28208	W. E. Carter 6624 Pawnee Drive Charlotte 28214
Clanton Memorial	L. F. Brooks, Sr. 3511 Driftwood Drive Charlotte 28205	Mrs. Mary Lee Davenport Route 3, Box 268 Charlotte 28210
Cook's Memorial	Mrs. C. H. Cooper, Sr. Rt. 9—Box 172 Charlotte 28208	Donald A. McClure Rt. 9, 10104 Hwy. 16 W. Charlotte 28208
Cornelius	Harold V. Robinette P. O. Box 612 Cornelius 28031	Marvin J. Bradford Box 83 Cornelius 28031
Covenant	George S. Sinnicks 1000 E. Morehead St. Charlotte 28204	Richard M. Hunter 1000 E. Morehead St. Charlotte 28204
Davidson College	Lawrence M. Kimbrough Box 2376 Davidson 28036	W. A. Thompson Box 566 Davidson 28036
East	Russell Adkins 1313 Hazelhurst Ave. Charlotte 28211	Anthony Rhead 1200 Beechdale Ave. Charlotte 28212
First Union	James G. Shaver 11212 Mallard Creek Rd. Charlotte 28213	F. H. Lemonds 207 Jackson Drive Charlotte 28213
Forest Hill	Mrs. Betty R. McArtan 5217 Glenham Drive Charlotte 28210	Joseph W. Pegram 6724 Sunview Dr. Charlotte 28210
Hawley Memorial	Leonard Ward Route 1, Box 290 Peachland 28133	Mrs. Sherry F. Gaddy 130 College Street Polkton 28135
Hickory Grove	Kit Woodell 3400 Arrow Lane Charlotte 28212	Buster I. Hill 5901 Haddington Dr. Charlotte 28215
Hopewell	William E. Moss Route 3, Box 470 Huntersville 28078	J. Ronald Norkett Rt. 3—Box 104 Huntersville 28078
Huntersville	Miss Martha Monteith Route 1, Box 258 Huntersville 28078	Mrs. Irvin McAuley P. O. Box 193 Huntersville 28078
Indian Hill	J. W. Morgan Route 2 Stanfield 28163	Lewis Lambert Route 2 Stanfield 28163
Indian Trail	Martha C. Biggers 823 Chestnut Ln. Matthews 28105	Clebern R. Killough 500 Highway 1371 Matthews 28105

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Lee Park	John D. Williams Route 4 Monroe 28110	Andy Booth, III 615 W. Park Drive Monroe 28110
Locust	Coil Barbee 311 East Main St. Locust 28097	Mrs. Peggy Beatty 116 Smith Street Locust 28097
Mallard Creek	T. Dale McLaughlin 9922 Mallard Creek Rd. Charlotte 28213	Mrs. Jackie Oehler 12232 Jimmy Oehler Rd. Charlotte 28213
Marshville	Charles S. Boyce, Sr. Route 4 Marshville 28103	Oscar Perkins P. O. Box 301 Marshville 28103
Matthews	J. W. Russell P. O. Box 234 Matthews 28105	Mary Neil Alexander P. O. Box 97 Matthews 28105
McGee	John O. Sides 336 Fielding Road Charlotte 28214	J. Ross Kistler 1125 James Street Charlotte 28216
McQuay	Jack Threatt Route 4, Box 472-A-9 Charlotte 28214	Andrew Clark 2334 Cartwright Pl. Charlotte 28208
Memorial	Donald Ross Route 5, Box 1003 Charlotte 28208	Mrs. Harold Hipp 2400 Taimi Rd. Charlotte 28208
Monroe, First	Mrs. Mary Gettys 1404 Griffith Rd. Monroe 28110	Mrs. Hazel Eason Box 567 Monroe 28110
Morven	Thomas W. Whitley P. O. Box 242 Morven 28119	James E. Wall Route 1, Box 109 Morven 28119
Mulberry	Henry C. Rhyne 2518 Little Rock Rd. Charlotte 28214	Daniel S. Forbes 2839 Kendrick Drive Charlotte 28214
Myers Park	Morton L. Church, Jr. 3860 Abingdon Road Charlotte 28211	Gordon L. Mattocks, Jr. 1430 Exeter Rd. Charlotte 28211
Newell	D. E. Beckwith 6149 Donna Drive Charlotte 28213	W. D. Poteat P. O. Box 21 Newell 28126
New Salem	O. L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103	Mrs. O. L. Efird Route 2 Marshville 28103
Norwood	Harry M. Beeker Route 3, Box 49M Norwood 28128	Mrs. C. W. Adkisson, Jr. P. O. Box 767 Norwood 28128
Oakboro	Mrs. Edith McLendon Box 428 Oakboro 28129	Mrs. W. L. Champion Route 2, Box 286 PA Stanfield 28163
Pageland	H. H. Houston, Jr. P. O. Box 51 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. C. H. Douglas P. O. Box 224 Pageland, S. C. 29728

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Philadelphia	Fred O. Brown 6500 Lebanon Rd. Charlotte 28212	Bettie W. McEwen P. O. Box 23055 Charlotte 28212
Plaza	Joseph C. Hill 3351 Bonneville Dr. Charlotte 28205	Mrs. Shirley G. Goodwin 3253 Brixton Court Charlotte 28205
Pleasant Hill	Clyde D. Armstrong Route 1—Box 42-A Pineville 28134	Walter R. Wallace, Jr. Route 1, Box 95A Pineville 28134
Providence	Donald S. Kellam, Jr., M.D. 2225 Carmel Road Charlotte 28211	Robert C. Craig 632 Matthews— Weddington Rd. Matthews 28105
Quail Hollow	Henry R. Williams 3121 Northampton Drive Charlotte 28210	Malloy Davis, Jr. 3101 Northampton Dr. Charlotte 28210
Ramah	Otis C. Gray Route 2, Box 310 Huntersville 28078	J. W. Brown Route 1-Box 1048 Huntersville 28078
Rehobeth	F. A. Gordon Route 4, Box 113-F Waxhaw 28173	Hope Sims Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Ridgecrest	Grover S. Furr Route 3 Albemarle 28001	Ervin Fesperman Route 1 Stanfield 28163
Robinson	B. W. Faires 8020 Robinson Church Rd. Charlotte 28215	Louie F. Miller 3835 Sharon Amity Rd. Charlotte 28205
St. Andrews	H. M. Irwin, Jr. 1654 Sterling Rd. Charlotte 28209	Mrs. J. A. Atwell 7047 Ridgebrook Dr. Charlotte 28210
St. Giles	Stan Elrod 5401 Finsbury Pl. Charlotte 28211	Mrs. Isabel H. Lynn 2027 Emerywood Dr. Charlotte 28210
St. John	Harry L. Litaker 525 Owen Blvd. Charlotte 28213	John C. Fullerton, Jr. 3318 Donovan Place Charlotte 28215
Salem	W. Ted Evans Route 3 Pageland, S. C. 29728	Mrs. Laura Phillips Route 1 Pageland, S. C. 29728
Sardis	Robert B. Pharr 432 Glen Oaks Rd. Charlotte 28211	Calvin B. Baird 5700 Sardis Road Charlotte 28211
Seigle Avenue	Ray L. Gardner 5021 Milford Road Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Edith M. Gardner 5021 Milford Rd. Charlotte 28210
Selwyn Avenue	James Y. Scruggs 3311 Sunnybrook Dr. Charlotte 28210	Mrs. Mae Jolley 819 Manhasset Road Charlotte 28209
Sharon	William H. Riddle 4809 Carmel Park Drive Charlotte 28211	William T. Stanford 3100 Sharon View Road Charlotte 28210

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Siler	W. P. Keels Route 8, Box 332 Monroe 28110	Jerry Plyler Route 1 Waxhaw 28173
Smallwood	Mrs. Bobbie Q. Berry 6433 Spring Garden Lane Charlotte 28213	Mrs. Delores J. Martin 1421 Plumstead Road Charlotte 28216
South Tryon	Mrs. Sarah A. Funderburk 2418 Twinfield Dr. Charlotte 28216	Mrs. Ernestine A. Adams 3330 Dalecrest Dr. Charlotte 28213
Steele Creek	B. J. Brown 11026 Steele Creek Road Charlotte 28210	William B. Brown 4825 Carmel Park Drive Charlotte 28211
Stephenson	Larry Tyson Route 8 Monroe 28110	Will Kimbrell Route 1 Indian Trail 28079
Sugaw Creek	Miss Mable Todd 4412 Rolling Hill Drive Charlotte 28213	Ed H. Davis, Jr. 4823 Cheviot Road Charlotte 28213
Third	J. T. Leonard Route 6—Box 390 Concord 28025	Mrs. Virginia J. Smith 4424 Carriage Drive Charlotte 28205
Thomasboro	M. L. Winters, Jr. 173 Coulwood Dr. Charlotte 28214	B. H. Long 252 W. LaPorte Drive Charlotte 28216
Trinity	Donald H. Jones 3101 Valencia Terrace Charlotte 28211	Mrs. L. E. Johnson 527 Meadowbrook Road Charlotte 28211
Turner	Charles Biggers Route 10 Monroe 28110	George Simpson Route 10 Monroe 28110
Unionville	E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 700 Monroe 28110	Mrs. E. J. Braswell Route 7, Box 700 Monroe 28110
Wadesboro, First	Emmett Patterson 234 Highland Drive Wadesboro 28170	W. L. Wildermuth 307 Leak Avenue Wadesboro 28170
Walkersville	Robert L. McCain Route 2 Waxhaw 28173	Mrs. Nell Starnes Route 4 Waxhaw 28173
Waxhaw	H. D. McLaughlin Box 143 Waxhaw 28173	Mrs. Gertrude Gordon Route 1, Box 76 Waxhaw 28173
Westminster	Neal H. Hodges 930 Longbow Road Charlotte 28211	William P. Hoogendonk, III 2725-A Dorchester Pl. Charlotte 28209
Westover Hills	Frank Carson 1125 Fordham Rd. Charlotte 28208	Mrs. Merle McLester 4218 Gladstone Lane Charlotte 28205
Williams Memorial	R. N. Williams 209 Jackson Drive Charlotte 28213	Earl J. Leatherwood Route 1, Box 136 Huntersville 28078

The Twenty-Fifth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 28, 1978

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened at 9:00 A.M. in the Carmel Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 28, 1978.

The Moderator, Robert S. Maclin, III, opened the meeting with prayer.

This was followed by the singing of the hymn, "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art."

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

Henry S. Robinson was elected to serve as Temporary Clerk.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled.

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Wayne R. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, David G. Boyce, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, M. A. Cochrane, Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, J. R. Crawford, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Ralph Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., J. David Fletcher, Robert O. Freeman, R. J. Garment, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, John A. Haley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, C. Frank Jacks, Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Robert E. Johnston, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, C. L. Kirby, Charles E. Kirkpatrick, W. Larry Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, J. Wendell Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, Thomas A. Little, Jr., Tom W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, Wilber G. Maxwell, F. R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., F. A. Mathes, Roger P. Melton, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, Thomas Jefferson Nash, III, C. A. Norwood, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. Rush Otey, III, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., F. Clyde Pratt, M. B. Prince, Jr., M. B. Prince, III, Carl R. Pritchett, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, H. Howard Smith, Robert E. Smith, Lawrence I. Stell, J. Randolph Taylor. R. Z. Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, William B. Ward, Emanuel E. Washington, John E. Wayland, Sr., J. E. Wayland, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, John A. Wilkerson, Jr., T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Kenneth P. Craig, Daniel L. Durway, Leighton Ford, Leroy P. Gwaltney, III, Warner L. Hall, G. Carswell Hughs, George H. V. Hunter, John A. Luddy, Jr., Neely McCarter, Earl R. MacCormac, A. G. Peery, Margaret B. Peery, Harry W. Philips, J. E. Smylie, D. E. Stroud.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: A. J. McKelway, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, Horace E. Stoessel, Kenneth Woodard.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle, First, M. C. Morgan; Albemarle Road, Charles L. Baker, Barbara D. Berryhill; Amay James, David L. Grier; Amity, David Eugene Allen; Avondale, Watson C. Bearden, Joseph P. Majette; Badin, Estelle Dulin; Banks, Robert E. White; W. H. Belk, Mrs. Hester Shytle; Benton Heights, Clyde Wicker; Bethel, Leslie Kelly; Bethlehem, Louie Brantley; Caldwell, C. L. Brown; Calvary, Herbert H. Blackwell; Camden, D. E. Phillips; Carmel, Sam Woods; Central Steele Creek, J. Banks Choate; Charlotte First, Nicholas Hobbie, Sr., Mrs. Edgar Kornegay, George M. Roberts; Christ, Annette Pearson; Clanton Memorial, Curtis Courtney; Cook's Memorial, M. B. Dunn, R. B. McClure; Cornelius, Kermit Robbins; Covenant, Tom Barnhardt, III, Mrs. Fannie Caldwell, David Stratton, Carleton N. Whilden, Harry Wolfe; Davidson College, Robert J. Manning; East, Larry Littleton; First Union, F. H. Lemonds, Jr.; Forest Hill, Brian Cheyne, James J. Kennedy; Hawley Memorial, William E. Bennett; Hickory Grove, James N. Porter, III; Hopewell, Puet Kidd, Harley Sherrill; Huntersville, Wade P. Whitley; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Ney G. Killough; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, W. T. Alexander, Joe M. Wilson; Marshville, Charles S. Boyce; Matthews, Lawrence O. Wasler, III; McQuay Memorial, J. D. Keever; Memorial, Jeff Chadwick; Monroe First, Mary M. Gettys, Bill Hunley; Morven, Mrs. Robert W. Thomas; Mulberry, Ray Hill; Myers Park, Irwin Belk, R. A. Bigger, Jr., Alf Canon, Mrs. Henry L. Harkey, Mrs. Hugh D. Verner; Newell, Bill B. Prophet; Norwood, Fleetwood M. Haire; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith McLendon; Pageland, James Thomas; Paw Creek, Harold Caudill, Brooks Love; Philadelphia, James O. Brady, John E. W. Clark; Plaza, Mrs. Nancy Weant, Joe W. Hutchison; Pleasant Hill, T. LaFontine Odom; Providence, Carl Chandler; Quail Hollow, Carl Moss; Ramah, Harry J. Washam; Ridgecrest, A. Brown Harwood; Robinson, Jack Dagenhart; St. Andrews, S. Bruce Wingate; St. Giles, Stan Elrod, Elton Parker; St. John, James D. Gann; Sardis, Calvin B. Baird, William F. Dyer; Mrs. Charles A. Moss, Elmer F. Smith, Jr.; Salem, Tom Moore; Seigle Ave., George B. Michie; Selwyn Ave., Henry C. Buchanan, D. G. Kimbrell; Sharon, George W. Elliott; Siler, Gill Davis; Smallwood, Dannie Martin; South Tryon, Mrs. Helen Alston; Steele Creek, Fred W. Berryhill, Jr., R. P. Henderson; Stephenson, Benny Wyant; Sugaw Creek, Mrs. Vincent Cardinal, Louie Hunter, III; Third, Charles Armstrong, Joe McCrorey; Thomasboro, Woodrow McClure; Trinity, Harold A. Smoak; Turner, George Simpson; Wadesboro First, William Galloway; Walkersville, Betty Mosley; Waxhaw, H. D. McLaughlin; Westminster, J. L. Fulk, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, John Dellinger; Williams Memorial, Emily Carr.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Rehobeth

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Beulah, Bethany, Lee Park, McGee, New Salem, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Sue Burton, Nancy D. Collins, Ruth Farrior, Virginia H. Jones, Suzette Kincer, Helen Loyd, Eleanor M. McNair, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund.

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman of the Court Meetings Committee, presented the proposed Docket for this meeting. The Docket was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

9:00 A.M. 1. Convened with Prayer and Song—Robert Maclin, Retiring Moderator. Enrollment of Presbytery.
2. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—C. F. Jacks, Jr.
3. Election of Moderator (R. A. Bigger, Moderator-Nominee)
4. Introduction of Visiting Brethren
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—J. W. Ligon
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    1. Bills and Overtures
    2. Attendance
    3. Tellers
    4. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (referral to committee)

9:30 A.M. 8. Report of Presbytery's Council (Part I)—Lewis Bledsoe (concerning election of Commissioners to General Assembly)
9. Report of Personnel Committee—L. I. Stell (election of 1978 Commissioners to General Assembly)

10:10 A.M. 10. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last order before recess)

10:15 A.M. RECESS (All new business must be before the Court by the end of this recess)

10:30 A.M. 11. Report of Interpretations Committee—W. A. Dysard, Jr.
12. Report of Commission on the Minister—Roy W. Coker
13. Report of Clanton Memorial Administrative Commission—W. B. Ward
13-a. Report of Sub-Committee on Youth Ministry & Camping, R. E. Smith
14. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee—J. H. McKinnon

11:45 A.M. 15. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Special Order) Administered by J. W. Ligon and Robert J. James. Distribution of elements by members of the Court. Sermon by Robert S. Maclin.

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. 16. Report of Haiti Commission (30 minutes)—D. W. Oldenburg

2:00 P.M. 17. Report of Council (Part II)—Lewis Bledsoe
    a. Report of General Presbyter—Robert J. James
    b. Report of Treasurer—Albert D. Leopold
    c. Budget and Stewardship Committee

3:00 P.M. RECESS

3:15 P.M. 18. Announcements
19. Unfinished Business (including reports of Standing Committees)
20. Commissions to be Appointed
21. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
22. Adjournment with Benediction

The Moderator-in-Nomination, R. A. Bigger, Jr. was elected Moderator by acclamation.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

A report for the Committee on Arrangements was presented by the Host Pastor, J. Wendell Ligon. Mr. Ligon extended a word of welcome to all those attending this meeting.

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE
J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
J. E. Wayland, Jr.
Frank S. Jones
Charles Boyce (Marshville)
Larry Baucom (Locust)

TELLERS COMMITTEE
Charles E. Kirkpatrick, Chairman
John B. Rogers, Jr.
Jennings B. Reid
John Wilkerson
Thomas L. Shields, III
Larry Littleton (East)
E. R. Hyder (Johnston Memorial)
James Brady (Philadelphia)
Jeff Chadwick (Memorial)

BILLS AND OVERTURES
Robert S. Maclin, Chairman
Lewis W. Bledsoe
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.
H. D. McLaughlin (Waxhaw)
Alf Canon (Myers Park)
Herb Blackwell (Calvary)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman
French B. O'Shields, Jr.
Marcus B. Prince, III
Robert Manning (Davidson College)

The Communications were presented by the Stated Clerk as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences: referred to the Standing Committee on Attendance.
2. Certificates of Dismissal for the following Ministers: J. Arthur Sanders, Honorably Retired and now of Blue Ridge Presbytery; and Fred R. Stair, Jr., President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and now of Concord Presbytery.
3. Overtures were received from the Session of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church regarding "The J. P. Stevens Boycott authorized by the National Council of Churches of Christ", The Study Paper recommended by the 117th General Assembly on "The Church and Homosexuality: A Preliminary Study", and "The Resolution on Civil Rights Without Discrimination as to Affectional or Sexual Preference". These overtures were referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

4. The Resolution from the Session of the St. Giles Presbyterian Church urging a stance on homosexuality was also referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

5. The overture from the Session of the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church relative to the question of dedication of a child was referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Part I of Presbytery's Council report, having to do with the matter of selecting Commissioners to the General Assembly, was presented by Lewis Bledsoe. The report was adopted.

Presbytery referred to Council a matter raised by the commissioners to the 1977 General Assembly having to do with the whole matter of selecting commissioners, and raising the possibility of sending alternate commissioners to observe the proceedings in preparation for their service the following year. The Council recommends the following:

> In view of the increasing number of delegates to the General Assembly and the awareness of few facilities large enough to accommodate such a group, we recommend that no future commissioners accompany the current delegation.
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> We further recommend that Mecklenburg Presbytery adopt the following instructional procedures for the General Assembly Commissioners:
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> 1. That all Commissioners attend the Synod briefing and that the Chairman of the preceding year's delegation be responsible for the arrangement of briefing the current Mecklenburg Delegation prior to their departure to the Assembly.
> 2. That this briefing be held after receipt of Commissioner manuals in so far as possible and should:
>   a. Teach the commissioners "how to study" their material,
>   b. Instruct them in Committee participation,
>   c. Instruct them in Plenary Session participation.
> 3. That the briefing leader will secure from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly's Office information on all items added to the Commissioner manuals after the first printing regarding reference to committees, etc.

Jane Brawley, a member of Robinson Presbyterian Church, a Candidate for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery and a student at Union Seminary, Richmond, was affirmed by Presbytery as Seminary Representative to the 118th Meeting of the General Assembly.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by the Chairman, L. I. Stell and adopted.

The Committee makes the following nominations to fill vacancies:

SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

J. David Fletcher, Class of 1979, to replace Wayne R. Aughinbaugh as Chairman.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME OF CHARLOTTE

Charles L. Kirby, Class of 1980, to replace Russell M. Kerr

SYNOD'S COORDINATING COUNCIL

Ernest Hunter (Covenant), Class of 1981
Fred C. Holder, Class of 1981

TASK FORCE ON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. D. Grier Martin (Davidson College) to replace Mrs. Julia Maulden resigned.

The report included the presentation to Presbytery of nominees for Commissioners to the 1978 meeting of the General Assembly, together with information on each nominee. Opportunity was given for additional nominations from the floor.

The results of the voting for Commissioners to the 118th meeting of the General Assembly were as follows:

MINISTERS

Principals: Robert J. James, Jeff K. Aiken, Glenn B. Robinson, Fred C. Holder, Robert E. Burnett, J. E. Wayland, Jr., Earle D. Roberts.

Alternates: William G. Katibah, Jr., John A. Luddy, Jr., Robert S. Hough, William D. Morton, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, W. R. Otey, III.

RULING ELDERS

Principals: Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M.D. (Trinity); Mrs. E. G. Cochrane, (Selwyn Avenue); J. C. Barnhardt, (Covenant); Miss Isabel Reid, (Sardis); Larry M. Baucom, (Locust); Curtis J. Parker, Sr., (South Tryon); Mrs. Charles H. Sheldon, (Wadesboro First).

Alternates: W. D. Poteat, (Newell); Donald M. Rogers, (Quail Hollow); Harry J. McConnell, (Mulberry); Miss Lillian Currie, (Camden); G. B. Carrier, Jr., (St. Giles); N. J. Owens, (Christ); Roger Felker, (East).

YOUTH DELEGATE

Principal: Miss Catherine Louise McMillan (Selwyn Avenue).

Alternate: Miss Jean Katherine Witherspoon (Myers Park).

SEMINARY REPRESENTATIVE

Jane Flowe Brawley (Robinson)—Elected by Union Seminary, approved by Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Billy G. McCall, a Ruling Elder in the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the May, 1978 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Court recessed at 10:05 A.M.

Presbytery reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

The report of the Interpretation Committee was presented by the Chairman, W. A. Dysard, Jr. The report was adopted.

In response to the overture from the Session of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church concerning the appropriateness of the dedication of infants apart from baptism which was referred to the Interpretation Committee at the November 15, 1977 meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, we recommend that Mecklenburg Presbytery answer the overture as follows:

As Christians in the Reformed tradition we understand the sacrament of baptism to be the sign and seal of the covenant of grace and the symbolic recognition that God loves us before we can love Him.

The covenant of grace includes the children of believers, and these children are to be baptized. (COF XXX). The service of baptism includes the dedication of a child to God in faith that God will bring the child to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (BCO 209-5,7).

The Book of Church Order places upon the Session and parents who are communicants a responsibility to present their children for baptism. (BCO 15-6(3), 209-2).

An official service of dedication of infants is likely to be interpreted as a substitute for, and a denial of, covenant theology and infant baptism.

For these reasons, we believe that such a service is inconsistent with our faith as expressed in **The Confession of Faith** and **The Book of Church Order** and is, therefore, inappropriate for a Presbyterian church.

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, presented the report of the Commission on the Minister. The report was adopted as amended.

The Commission on the Minister met on December 13, 1977 and January 17, 1978. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery for INFORMATION:

1. Upon his request, and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Donald E. Stroud and the Marshville and New Salem Presbyterian Churches effective January 8, 1978, in order that Mr. Stroud may continue his theological studies.

2. Received the request from the Rev. J. Arthur Sanders of Blue Ridge Presbytery that he be received into Mecklenburg Presbytery in order that, upon his retirement, he might participate in the Kate B. Reynolds Fund. The Commission referred his request to the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee with the information that in the guidelines for the Kate B. Reynolds Fund the Commission finds no basis for opposing his request.

3. At his request the Stated Clerk was authorized to send a certificate of dismission of the Rev. Rodney C. Shoemaker to the Presbytery of Cincinnati UPCUSA, in order that he might accept a call to become Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Westwood, Ohio.

4. The Commission certified to the Synod of North Carolina the list of ministers of Mecklenburg Presbytery who are eligible to participate in the Kate B. Reynolds Fund.

5. Per action of Presbytery on November 19, 1977 (see Minutes p. 32) The Rev. E. H. Gartrell, Jr., has been appointed to serve as advisor to The Rev. C. T. Carriker for a period of two years.

6. The Commission has established the policy of sending a representative to a church following the dissolution of a pastoral relationship to declare the church vacant per BCO 16-7 (14); 28-1.

7. The Commission is making a study of the best use of "the continuing education allowance, so that we may establish some guidelines for Ministers." Please help us by filling in "A Request for Information" and return it to Dr. Kraemer

The Commission makes the following RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following ministers be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery, in work as indicated: T. A. Little, Jr., Mecklenburg County Mental Health Center, through Dec. 31, 1978. W. Chester Keller, Interim Pastor, Purity Presby-

terian Church, Chester, S. C. through June 30, 1978. Donald E. Stroud, Student, Princeton Theological Seminary, through December 31, 1978.

2. That The Rev. Q. N. Huneycutt be approved as Stated Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Indian Hill Church, January 1 through December 31, 1978.

3. That The Rev. C. Franklin Jacks be approved as Stated Supply and Moderator Pro-Tem of the Session of the Stephenson Church, January 1 through September 30, 1978.

4. That the following ministers be designated as Moderator Pro-Tem of Sessions as indicated: Roger P. Melton—Turner Church, G. Wallace Johnson—Siler Church.

5. That the following proposed changes in terms of call of ministers be approved:

		SALARY		AUTO ALLOWANCE	
CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Albemarle, First	J.H. McKeithen, Jr.	16,210	17,600	2,000	2,000
	L. P. Gwaltney, III	10,100	10,100	1,500	2,000
Albemarle Road	Richard P. Shaw	11,850	12,300	1 900	2,000
Altan-Bethany	Roger P. Melton	no report		no report	
Amay James	M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	9,400	10,000	1,200	2,000
Amity	Fred C. Holder	no report		no report	
	J. David Fletcher	no report		no report	
Avondale	John A. Haley	13,200	14,520	1,800	2,000
Badin	George Hunter	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Banks					
Belk, W.H.					
Benton Heights	J. Craig Butler	9,500	10,000	1,800	2,000
Bethel-Cornelius	J. E. Wayland, Jr.	9,620	10,620	2,000	2,200
Bethlehem	R. S. Maclin, III	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Beulah-Lee Park	Robert C. Benson	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Caldwell Memorial	Charles L. Kirby	no report		no report	
Calvary					
Camden-Morven	Ralph Dennison, Jr.	9,400	10,000	2,129	2,000
Carmel	J. W. Ligon	15,000	16,500	2 400	3,000
Central Steele Creek	Zane M. Moore	13,300	14,600	2,100	2,200
Charlotte First	G. Carswell Hughs	19,080	20,400	Auto furnished	
	D. S. Lindsay	11,600	12,400	Auto furnished	
Christ	R. W. Rayburn	10,300	10,900	2,000	2,000
Clanton Memorial					
Cook's Memorial	W. R. Aughinbaugh	10,800	11,400	1,500	1,500
Covenant	D. W. Oldenburg	21,476	23,072	Auto furnished	
	Earle D. Roberts	12,600	13,500	Auto furnished	
	Fred R. Horner	12,720	13,620	Auto furnished	
Davidson College	John B. Rogers, Jr.	13,500	14,350	1,740	1,800
	W. R. Otey, III	9,400		1,000	
East	Robert S. Hough	11,180	12,000	2,000	2,000
First Union					
Forest Hill	W. G. Katibah, Jr.	13,400	14,000	1,900	2,000
Hawley Memorial					
Hickory Grove	Jennings B. Reid	10,750	11,350	1,500	2 000
Hopewell	Vernon H. Dodd	no report		no report	
Huntersville	J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	12,000	12,400	1,800	1,980
Indian Hill	Q. N. Huneycutt	2,600	2,600		
Indian Trail	Edward C. Wilson	10.400	11,232	1,600	2,000
Johnston Memorial	Paul A. Horne	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Locust	C. E. Kirkpatrick	10,600	11,800	1 600	2,200
Mallard Creek	Ken P. Craig	13,614	14,567	1,700	2,000
Marshville-New Salem					
Matthews	W. G. Nance	no report		no report	
McGee	J. A. Luddy, Jr.	9,500	10,000	1,520	2,020
McQuay	F. M. Grissett, Jr.	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Memorial	W. L. Kline, Jr.	9,600	10,500	1,500	2.000
Monroe First	W. M. Edwards, II	no report		no report	
Mulberry	W. A. Dysard, Jr.	11,350	11,830	1,800	2,000
Myers Park	J. R. Taylor	22,660	23,900	Auto furnished	
	A. G. Peery, Jr.	9,135	10,400	Auto furnished	
	Margaret B. Peery	9,135	10,400	Auto furnished	
Newell	Kenneth Woodard	11,340	11,925	1,500	2,000
Norwood	James E. Ratchford	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Oakboro					
Pageland-Salem	W. G. Maxwell	no report		no report	
Paw Creek	Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	12,000	12,800		
Philadelphia	Russell M. Kerr	12,500	13,250	1,500	1,500
Plaza	Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	13,850	13,850	2,306	2,040
Pleasant Hill	Roy W. Coker	10,457	10,457	1,500	2,000
Providence	G. W. Johnson	12,000	13,200	2,000	2,000

		SALARY		AUTO ALLOWANCE	
CHURCH	**MINISTER**	**FROM**	**TO**	**FROM**	**TO**
Quail Hollow	M. B. Prince, III	11,130	11,600	1,500	1,800
Ramah	Glenn L. Hill	no report		no report	
Rehobeth					
Ridgecrest	T. L. Shields, III	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Robinson	H. H. Smith	no report		no report	
St. Andrews	C. A. Norwood	10,000	10,450	Auto furnished	
St. Giles	F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	no report		no report	
St. John	J. H. Sell, Jr.	9,800	10,300	1,590	2,000
Sardis	T. W. Tucker	16,360	19,360	1,800	2,000
	R. E. Smith, Jr.	10,938	12,032	1,800	2,000
Seigle Avenue	R. L. Morgan, Jr.	no report		no report	
Selwyn Avenue	Neil McMillan	no report		no report	
	Tom Reinowski	no report		no report	
Sharon	J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	no report		no report	
Smallwood	E. E. Washington	no report		no report	
South Tryon	A. Rudolph Hendricks	10,000	10,400	1,500	2,000
Steele Creek	Lewis W. Bledsoe	17,300	18,800	1,800	2,000
Stephenson	C. F. Jacks—S.S.	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Sugaw Creek	R. J. McMullen, Jr.	17,000	18,000	2,300	2,300
Third	F. R. McAlister, Jr.		12,300		2,800
Thomasboro	Jeff T. Kesterson	12,500	13,000	1,800	2,000
Trinity	H. Louis Patrick	no report		no report	
Turner-Siler					
Unionville					
Wadesboro	C. L. Cheshire, Jr.	11,000	11,304	1,500	2,004
Walkersville	C. D. Elyea, Jr.	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
Waxhaw	W. D. Morton	9,400	10,000	1,500	1,500
Westminster	Harry W. Phillips	no report		no report	
Westover Hills	R. J. Garment	9,400	10,000	1,600	2,000
Williams Memorial	R. E. Burnett	10,000	10,100	1,600	2,000
Alexander Children's Center	G. B. Robinson	20,000	21,000	Auto furnished	
Montreat-Anderson College	J. R. Crawford	9,450			
Whispering Pines Church, Orange Pres. -Interim Supply	D. L. Durway	6,120	6,120	120	120
Presbyterian Foundation	W. L. Hall	18,900	18,900	1,000	1,000
Planned Parenthood	N. C. Leach	18,797	19,887		

NOTE: The Commission has not listed changes in Housing Allowance, or utilities allowances; where such changes are made they are in order and we recommend their approval.

NO REPORT has been received from the following Ministers:

Joe P. Arnold
Paul Beazley
David Boyce—U.S. Army Chap.
C. T. Carriker—Overseas Missionary
C. C. Cowsert
Leighton Ford
R. O. Freeman
C. B. Huntley—Overseas Missionary
R. F. Johnston
T. A. Little, Jr.
R. R. Love—student
E. R. MacCormac
Neely McCarter
A. J. McKelway, Jr.
J. W. Melton, Jr.
T. J. Nash, III
J. E. Smylie
H. E. Stoessel
D. E. Stroud—student
R. Z. Thomas, III
J. D. Zeluff

Supplementary Report

The Commission on the Minister met on February 21, 1978. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery for your INFORMATION:

1. Upon his request and with the concurrence of the congregation of the Cook's Memorial Church the Pastoral relationship existing between the Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh and the Cook's Memorial Church was dissolved, effective March 20, 1978; and Mr. Aughinbaugh was granted a letter of dismission to Cherokee Presbytery in order that he may accept a call to LaFayette Presbyterian Church, LaFayette, Georgia.

2. On March 17-18, 1978, in Roanoke, Virginia the Synod of the Virginias is sponsoring a "Face to Face" for Ministers and Pulpit Nominating Committees. They have invited us to participate in this event. This is an opportunity for ministers who would like to relocate to talk with several Nominating Committees. Any minister interested in going to Roanoke for the "Face

to Face" should contact the Chairman of the Commission **immediately.**

3. In compliance with the BCO 21-2 (1), the Commission on the Minister reports that as of February 15, 1978, there were 144 ministers on the roll of Presbytery and that they were engaged in the following categories of labor:

Honorably Retired	37
Pastors & Associate Pastors	78
Administration Church Courts	3
Prof. & Adm. Church Institution	8
Chaplain Military Service	1
Overseas Missionary	2
Laboring Outside bounds	13
Student	2
Total	144

The Commission makes the following RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following ministers be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery from January 1-December 31, 1978, in work as indicated:

Joe P. Arnold, Boise, Idaho—Drug-Alcohol Counselor, Dept. of Health and Welfare and occasional supply in Boise Presbytery.

Daniel L. Durway, High Point, N. C.—Interim Supply, Whispering Pines Church, Orange Presbytery.

Leighton Ford, Charlotte, N. C.—Evangelist with Billy Graham Association.

Neil C. Leach, Charlotte, N. C.—Executive Director, Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte.

John E. Smylie, Charlotte, N. C.—Vice President, Automated Training, Inc.

Zach Thomas, III, Charlotte, N. C.—Director of Social Services Dept. and Chaplain Community Hospital.

2. That under the provisions of the BCO 15-4, and upon the request of the Session that the Rev. Marcus B. Prince, Jr., be appointed interim supply and moderator pro tem of the Calvary Church for six months beginning March 1, 1978.

3. Requested the Commission to consult with the churches whose terms of call do not meet the minimum set by Presbytery with the following intent: Where the total does not meet minimum, that increases be arranged; that where the total meets or exceeds the minimum that the amount be adjusted to meet the minimum in both salary and travel allowance.

4. That the following proposed changes in term of calls of ministers be approved:

		SALARY		AUTO ALLOWANCE	
CHURCH	MINISTER	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
St. Giles	French B. O'Shields	17,270	19,201	1,574	1,574
Matthews	Warren G. Nance	9,275	10,000	1,500	2,000
Robinson	H. H. Smith	11,100	11,700	1,800	2,000
Selwyn Ave.	Neil M. McMillan	13,920	13,255	2,800	2,800
	Thomas K. Reinowski	9,400	9,999	1,500	2,000
General Presbyter	R. J. James	14,000	16,098	3,000	3,000

The report of the Clanton Memorial Administrative Commission was made by the Chairman, W. B. Ward. The report was received as information.

Presbytery then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee.

T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Ministerial Transfers, presented to Presbytery the Reverend Fred Rogers Stair, Jr. who is seeking admission to Mecklenburg Presbytery by Certificate of Transfer from Concord Presbytery, and Reverend Joseph Arthur Sanders, who desires to transfer his membership from Blue Ridge Presbytery to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mr. Tucker moved that Dr. Stair and Mr. Sanders be examined with a view to their reception into Mecklenburg Presbytery. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Stair and Mr. Sanders each made a statement concerning his Christian experience. They were then examined concerning their views on theology, the sacraments and Church government. The floor was opened for questions. The examination was sustained in its parts and as a whole. They were enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers.

The time for the observance of the Lord's Supper having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to the observance of this sacrament.

The following persons participated in the leadership of this service: Robert S. Maclin, III, who presided and delivered the message; Robert J. James and J. Wendell Ligon, who administered the service; Mrs. Eunice Berg, Organist; and twelve Teaching and Ruling Elder members of the Court, who distributed the elements.

Recess for lunch was taken at 12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 P.M.

The report of the Church Assistance Committee was adopted by Presbytery.

A.	**Sustentation of Churches for 1978**	
	Amay James	$ 7,100.00
	W. H. Belk	2,100.00
	Calvary	6,000.00
	Seigle Avenue	22,500.00
	South Tryon	9,600.00
	Smallwood	13,700.00
	Lee Park—Beulah (60/40)	1,232.00
	Locust	7,000.00
	Stephenson	4,050.00
	Marshville	6,500.00
	Undesignated	3,918.00
		$83,700.00
B.	**Extension**	
	Carmel (3rd of 3: Loan)	$10,000.00
C.	**Contingency**	1,000.00
		$94,700.00

Presbytery adopted the report of the Planning Committee.

1. That the linkage between the Turner and Siler Churches be dissolved and that each congregation be permitted to move toward the calling of a minister.

The report of the Haiti Commission was presented verbally by Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, and three other speakers, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Jerry Neal, who is an engineer and a Ruling Elder in the Paw Creek Church, and Lawrence I. Stell. Each of the speakers made a statement concerning the things that have been accomplished in this project and asked Presbytery to continue support of this campaign. The report was received as information.

Recess was taken at 3:00 P.M.

Presbytery reconvened at 3:15 P.M.

The Court then proceeded to the consideration of Part II of the report of Presbytery's Council. The report of Robert J. James, General Presbyter, was received as information and the Statistical Summary for 1977 was admitted to record.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATISTICAL SUMMARY
CHURCH YEAR—1977

	Ruling Elders	1265
	Deacons	874
	Profession of Faith	570
	Other Gains	1458
	Losses	2387
	Total Communicants	33,569
	Adult Baptisms	181
	Infant Baptisms	359
	Church School Enrollment	18,576
1.	Regular Contributions	$ 6,809,560
2.	Building/Capital Fund Receipts	1,025,476
3.	Other Contributions	667,751
4.	Total	8,502,787
5.	Borrowed	582,166
6.	Total	9,084,953
7.	Aid or Sustentation	141,250
8.	Total Income	9,226,203
9.	Session Local Program	5,143,917
10.	Session Local Mission	333,798
11.	Per Capita—Presbytery	102,745
12.	Presbytery Program and Mission	253,279
13.	Synod Program and Mission	285,328
14.	General Assembly Program and Mission	386,597
15.	Other Mission and Non-Budgeted Causes for Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly	779,555
16.	Building/Capital Expenditures	1,578,560
17.	Investment Expenditures	127,912
18.	Total Benevolences	2,141,302
19.	Total Expenditures	8,991,691
20.	Properties Value	44,194,998
21.	Mortgage Balance	3,537,642

Council submitted the following summary of its actions to Presbytery.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. All churches are encouraged to carry Comprehensive Liability Insurance coverage for their protection and Workmen's Compensation coverage for their employees.

2. Council approved the purchase of a duplicator and copier from A. B. Dick and a new IBM selectric typewriter with 15 inch carriage to be paid for from Mecklenburg Capital Funds.

3. Council received a report from Dr. Warner Hall of the Presbyterian Foundation regarding the status of funds invested through the Foundation. The matter was studied by the Budget and Stewardship Committee of Council. At the present time these funds show a loss of some $50,000. There is no clear Council consensus of action at the present other than to leave the funds as they are. It is hoped that a recovery in the stock market will take place and thus restore some of the present decreased value. The Budget and Stewardship Committee is seeking additional information concerning possible alternatives.

4. Council received a requested Manual change from the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee concerning personnel of that committee. As a consequence the Council examined the entire Manual and offers proposed Manual changes.

5. Proceeds from the sale of the property at Highway 74 and Indian Trail Road have been received and properly deposited in the Mecklenburg Capital Funds.

6. Council has received, examined and executed a lease agreement with Queens College on the property for the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center in conformity with the instructions of Presbytery.

7. Council has received and examined cost estimates for the renovation of the property which is becoming the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center and has authorized the Renovation Committee to proceed with the work in conformity with the instructions of Presbytery.

8. Council has received and reviewed the goals of Presbytery Committees for 1978. Attached you will find a condensed version of the Council's understanding of these goals.

9. Council is happy to report that all eighty-eight churches paid their Presbytery Business Fund Assessment in full for 1977.

10. Council has requested the Church Assistance Committee to visit and counsel with churches making no commitments to the Benevolence Budget of Presbytery, and particularly those who are contributing less than 10% of funds received, exclusive of capital expenditures.

11. The Search Committee for a new Associate in Christian Education has reported regularly to the Council and we are encouraged by their thorough, thoughtful and positive manner of pursuing their task.

The following recommendations were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the 1977 balance of $50,892 in the Benevolence Account and $5,152 in the Business Fund Account be allocated and/or disbursed as follows:

Benevolence Account

Annual carry-forward balance	$15,000
Equipment for CE Center	2,500
Conversion of addressing	1,500
Associate in CE Search Committee	2,400
Mecklenburg Presbytery Center Operation	15,000†
To First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte	2,000‡
To Second Mile Missionary Support	12,492
	$50,892

Business Fund

Mecklenburg Presbytery Center Operation	$5,000†
Balance left on hand	152*
	$5,152

†—A total of $20,000 is set aside for operation of the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center for 1978.

‡—First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, is being given $500 per month in 1978, up to $2,000 for use of their facilities.

*—This amount with $3,686 on Savings for the Business Fund should give adequate working margin.

2. That the 1978 Proposed Benevolence Budget of $1,007,309 be adopted as the Spending Budget.

In view of the fact that the proposed Manual change was not approved, the following motion was adopted: That Council, in consultation with the Personnel Committee and the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, move immediately to fill the newly created vacancy on the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee.

The report of the Treasurer and Finance Officer for the year 1977 was presented by Albert D. Leopold, and admitted to record.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY—CENTRAL TREASURER BENEVOLENCES—FINANCIAL REPORT—1977

Balance January 10, 1977		$ 15,205.89
RECEIPTS		
Benevolences (Budgeted) From:		
Churches	$916,232.00	
Interest: Presbyterian Foundation		
S. P. Alexander Legacy	440.73	
Chas. M. Boyd Fund	3,246.00	
Camp Stewart Fund	5,105.09	
N. C. Sales Tax Refund	302.69	
Interest on Savings	2,796.88	
Sub-Total	$928,123.39	
Benevolences (Non Budgeted)		
Assembly		
Christian Witness	$ 46,502.60	
Hunger-Easter	20,956.00	
Projects—Missions	11,355.25	
Crisis Fund	3,864.67	
Montreat Assembly	237.50	
2nd Mile Missionary Sal. Support	38,724.41	
Sub-Total	$121,640.43	
Synod		
Presbyterian Home—High Point	$ 3,822.99	
Barium Springs	15,814.64	
Sub-Total	$ 19,637.63	

Presbytery		
Alexander Children's Center	$ 1,562.50	
Seigle Ave.—Hot Meals	2,252.56	
Seigle Ave.—Program	7,289.00	
Women of the Church	141.00	
Pres. Family Life Center	3,391.15	
Crisis Assistance	525.00	
American Bible Society	215.53	
Sub-Total	$ 15,376.74	
Campaign: Meck-Haiti	$ 19,440.88	
Comm. on Minister-Special	185.67	
Refund: St. John Pres.	1,000.00	
C. E. Youth Fun Festival	327.35	
Mission Support-Tim Carriker	200.00	
PCUS—Hunger Task Force	500.00	
BA&R Refund—Rev. McAlister	288.98	
Transfer From Campaign—D&S	3,324.49	
Other Miscellaneous	2,798.03	
Sub-Total	$ 28,065.40	$1,112,843.59
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$1,128,049.48
Brought Forward:		$1,128,049.48

DISBURSEMENTS

I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION BOARD		
Budgeted	$378,671.00	
Non Budgeted	121,640.43	
II. SYNOD OF N. C.		
Budgeted	290,000.00	
Non Budgeted	19,637.63	
III. MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY		
A. Commission on Minister	2,679.62	
B. Council	23,967.61	
C. Court Meetings	276.61	
D. Deployment & Sustentation	104,139.27	
E. Institutional Ministries	22,464.41	
F. Christian Education	26,960.15	
G. Pre-Ordination & Examination	14,782.10	
H. Pre-Ordination In Service Tr.	-0-	
I. Specialized Ministry	24,814.24	
J. Research & Strategy	956.29	
K. International Missions	1,398.56	
L. Task Force—Hunger	837.27	
M. Task Force—Counseling	5,926.00	
N. Worship	394.09	
O. Personnel	109.49	
Alexander Children's Center	1,562.50	
Seigle Ave.—Hot Lunch	2,252.56	
Seigle Ave.—Program	7,289.00	
Women of the Church	141.00	
Crisis Assistance	525.00	
Pres. Family Life Center	3,375.00	
Campaign—Meck.-Haiti	19,640.88	
Mission Support & Tim Carriker	200.00	
American Bible Society	215.53	
Other Miscellaneous	2,300.83	1,077,157.07
BALANCE END OF PERIOD—January 10, 1978		$ 50,892.41

SUMMARY

BUDGETED BENEVOLENCES

				1977	1976
General Assembly	$380,000.00				
Thru Presbytery		$378,671.00			
Direct by Churches		$ 1,329.00	$380,000.00	100%	100%
Synod of North Carolina	290,000.00		290,000.00	100%	100%
Mecklenburg Presbytery	253,890.00		259,452.00	102%	91%
TOTAL	$923,890.00		$929,452.00	100.5%	98%

BUSINESS FUND

BALANCE, JANUARY 10, 1977		$ 354.01
RECEIPTS:		
From: Churches	$109,474.74	
Interest: S. B. Alexander Trust	6,339.22	
N. C. Sales Tax Refund	272.55	
Interest on Savings	309.71	116,396.22
		$ 116,750.23
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Office of General Presbyter		
Salaries	$ 42,894.91	
Annuity	5,022.20	
Hospitalization	1,188.60	
Postage & Materials	4,876.63	
Discretionary Fund	1,438.41	
Telephone	1,675.44	
Study Allowance	69.32	
Sub-Total	$ 57,165.51	
General Presbytery Expense		
General Assembly Assessment	$ 33,405.00	
Synod Assessment	18,748.40	
Presbytery Minutes	1,339.72	
Parking—Staff	739.40	
Assistant Clerk	200.00	
Sub-Total	$ 54,432.52	111,598.03
BALANCE END OF PERIOD: January 10, 1978		$ 5,152.20

SUMMARY: Benevolences and Business Fund

NCNB:			
Checking			
Benevolences	$ 1,233.80		
Business Fund	-0-	$ 1,233.80	
Savings			
Benevolences	$49,658.61		
Business Fund	5,152.20	54,810.81	$56,044.61
FIRST UNION:			
Savings			
Business Fund	$ 3,640.16		
Interest—December 31	45.87		3,686.03
TOTAL			$59,730.64

COMPARATIVE REPORT: 1977 & 1976

	BENEVOLENCES		BUSINESS FUND	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
TOTAL GIVING	$1,054,563.16	$1,128,049.48	$114,204.96	$116,750.23

CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN

Financial Statement

December 1, 1975-January 10, 1978

HAITI DEVELOPMENT		
RECEIPTS:		
Contributions	$250,090.12	
N. F. Road Property 10%	7,938.50	
Interest: Savings	6,772.71	
Transfer from Campaign Fund	764.22	$ 265,565.55
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Account No. 3294	$ 65,000.00	
Haiti Commission	2,799.31	
To: Church Extension	751.00	
Transfer: Certificate of Deposit	50,000.00	
Transfer: NCNB Savings—D&S	2,327.14	120,877.45
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD—JANUARY 10, 1978		$ 144,688.10
CHURCH EXTENSION		
RECEIPTS:		
N. F. Road Property 90%	$ 71,446.47	
W. Rd. Property Sale	22,500.00	
Indian Trail Property Sale	95,000.00 (A)	
Contributions	81,453.28	
Interest: Savings	3,323.04	
By Will: W. E. Price	10,000.00	
Interest on Loans:		
Carmel	166.70	
Quail Hollow	607.76	
Transfer from Campaign Fund	327.53	$ 284,824.78
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Commission: Sale of Indian Trail Prop.	$ 5,000.00	
Register of Deeds	22.50	
Memorial Presbyterian Church	50,000.00	
To: Haiti Fund	150.00	
Transfer: Certificate of Deposit	150,000.00	
Mecklenburg Presbytery Center	447.66	
Transfer: NCNB Savings—D&S	997.35	206,617.51
BALANCE, END OF PERIOD JANUARY 10, 1978		$ 78,207.27

*Summary	Jan. 10, 1978	Checking	Savings	Total
Haiti Development	$144,688.10	$122.93	$144,565.17	$144,688.10 (B)
Church Extension	78,207.27	252.65	77,954.62	78,207.27
	$222,895.37	$375.58	$222,519.79	$222,895.37

* In addition to the balances in City National Bank Savings and Checking Accounts Totaling $222,895.37, there are certificates of Deposit in Safe Deposit Box at City National Bank as follows:

1. C.D. for $100,000.00 purchased on July 20, 1977, bearing 6% interest for 9 months; maturity date is April 20, 1978; (Haiti and Church Extension—50/50)

2. C.D. for $100,000.00 purchased on January 6, 1978, bearing 7.1% interest for 12 months; maturity date is January 6, 1979; (Church Extension)

(A) The Sale of the Indian Trail Property was completed on January 5, 1978, for $100,000.00 to J. B. Garrison, Inc., Albemarle, N. C.

Vinson Realty Co. retained the initial payment of $5,000.00 Earnest money as part of their sales commission. We received $95,000.00 and additional commission of $5,000.00 is shown in Disbursements. We also paid $100.00 for transfer stamps. Net proceeds of the sale were $89,900.00.

(B) The Haiti Commission recommended the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit for $100,000.00 after the books were closed on January 10, 1978. This was completed on January 12, 1978, for $100,000.00 at 7.2% interest for 12 months with a maturity date of January 12, 1979. (Haiti)

BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS FOR 1978

As of February 3rd, the following report is submitted for the churches of Presbytery:

Accepted or exceeded Askings	43 Churches	$749,245.00
Not Fully Accepted	39 Churches	216,813.00
Total Acceptances	82	$966,058.00

The following Churches have made no commitment:

Altan
Bethany
Clanton Memorial
Rehobeth
Smallwood
Unionville

Benevolence Budget for 1978	$1,007,309.00
Less: Acceptances	966,058.00
Balance	$ 41,251.00

REPORT BY CHURCHES OF BENEVOLENT BUDGET COMMITMENT & CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1977 AND CHALLENGE VS. ACCEPTANCE FOR 1978

	1977		1978	
Church	Commitment	Contribution	Challenge	Acceptance
Albemarle First	$ 26,159	$ 28,810	$ 27,833	$ 27,833
Albemarle Road	13,780	13,583	15,982	18,482
Altan	-0-	-0-	366	-0-
Amay James	1,335	989	1,932	1,932
Amity	10,675	14,723	9,096	14,800
Avondale	23,930	23,257	21,840	11,583
Badin	3,876	3,709	3,712	4,476
Banks	1,650	2,050	1,143	1,745
Belk, W. H.	-0-	245	763	350
Benton Heights	1,100	1,266	2,241	1,500
Bethany	1,335	778	133	-0-
Bethel	2,550	4,054	4,193	4,410
Bethlehem	983	1,601	2,195	1,145
Beulah	-0-	40	502	502
Caldwell Memorial	5,000	6,208	6,784	7,224
Calvary	3,231	2,040	2,440	3,263
Camden	-0-	800	1,247	1,180
Carmel	5,775	5,888	7,312	7,312
Central Steele Creek	14,800	14,886	13,737	14,237
Charlotte, First	39,145	45,891	57,858	57,858
Christ	4,055	5,390	7,957	5,625
Clanton Memorial	-0-	-0-	1,945	-0-
Cook's Memorial	19,600	16,511	20,118	20,000
Cornelius	-0-	2,067	2,400	700
Covenant	96,644	95,048	105,401	105,401
Davidson College	$ 42,220	$ 40,922	$ 42,150	$ 44,435
East	-0-	502	1,890	1,890
First Union	1,925	2,955	1,446	3,014
Forest Hill	7,000	8,072	9,473	8,250
Hawley Memorial	-0-	453	573	580
Hickory Grove	4,806	4,875	6,398	4,800

	1977		1978	
Church	**Commitment**	**Contribution**	**Challenge**	**Acceptance**
Hopewell	19,000	15,648	18,259	20,200
Huntersville	10,830	11,345	10,516	12,450
Indian Hill	500	517	936	600
Indian Trail	5,010	5,192	5,997	6,150
Johnston Memorial	2,000	2,704	2,598	2,000
Lee Park	-0-	45	400	400
Locust	2,300	2,158	2,564	2,564
Mallard Creek	18,358	19,306	18,879	19,379
Marshville	1,475	1,225	2,292	1,600
Matthews	-0-	1,607	3,239	2,725
McGee	1,670	1,652	2,523	2,523
McQuay	-0-	2,000	1,430	1,430
Memorial	3,103	3,164	3,350	3,350
Monroe First	16,096	15,850	16,799	19,077
Morven	1,175	1,260	1,638	1,350
Mulberry	9,500	9,200	9,767	9,767
Myers Park	114,968	114,198	113,156	115,656
Newell	1,775	1,705	3,252	1,750
New Salem	-0-	-0-	300	100
Norwood	4,700	4,629	5,025	5,125
Oakboro	-0-	-0-	350	200
Pageland	3,050	3,251	3,579	3,200
Paw Creek	14,000	15,062	14,307	14,307
Philadelphia	11,041	10,556	15,839	11,058
Plaza	14,250	15,381	17,595	16,800
Pleasant Hill	5,000	5,658	5,838	5,838
Providence	12,635	12,658	13,904	13,850
Quail Hollow	5,200	5,200	5,950	6,600
Ramah	1,810	1,800	2,713	1,810
Rehobeth	-0-	-0-	650	-0-
Ridgecrest	1,700	1,356	2,075	2,075
Robinson	3,300	5,377	4,611	5,200
St. Andrews	2,600	2,297	4,455	2,300
St. Giles	10,328	9,937	12,420	12,420
St. John	3,528	3,480	4,695	3,017
Salem	-0-	33	440	200
Sardis	74,592	69,942	73,008	73,008
Seigle Avenue	735	774	1,069	900
Selwyn Avenue	-0-	21,955	29,279	20,216
Sharon	11,000	11,580	13,474	13,000
Siler	-0-	2,071	2,599	1,975
Smallwood	-0-	16	610	-0-
South Tryon	1,500	1,500	40,185	41,200
Steele Creek	38,500	41,451	40,185	41,200
Stephenson	-0-	2,035	1,954	1,954
Sugaw Creek	26,000	27,800	30,494	28,000
Third Charlotte	$ 12,000	$ 13,068	$ 16,418	$ 15,000
Thomasboro	5,800	6,208	4,984	4,984
Trinity	-0-	15,511	18,123	16,938
Turner	-0-	2,294	3,452	2,440
Unionville	-0-	-0-	140	-0-
Wadesboro	5,000	5,163	6,639	5,410
Walkersville	1,225	1,268	2,079	1,230
Waxhaw	1,550	1,610	1,728	1,661
Westminster	24,850	21,500	19,944	19,944
Westover Hills	3,000	3,310	3,921	3,100
Williams Memorial	12,140	12,463	12,943	12,000
TOTALS	$850,368	$914,583	$998,684	$966,058

Mecklenburg Presbytery voted to endorse the establishment of the Warner Leander Hall Chair of Religion and Philosophy at St. Andrews Presbyterian College through the funds received from Mecklenburg Presbytery in the forthcoming Synod-approved Campaign for St. Andrews. It is understood that all funds received over the amount necessary to establish such a chair would be used for scholarships, with a priority given to students from Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was adopted as amended:

The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the overtures from Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church concerning the study paper called "The Church and Homosexuality: A Preliminary Study" and the "Resolution of Civil Rights Without Discrimination As to Affectional or Sexual Preference", and the resolution to Mecklenburg Presbytery from St. Giles Presbyterian Church urging a stance on homosexuality, be answered as follows:

1. Mecklenburg Presbytery commends the two Sessions and other churches who have responded to the request of the 117th General Assembly to study the paper ("The Church and Homosexuality: A Preliminary Study") and report data and suggestions to the Council on Theology and Culture by May 1, 1978.
2. Presbytery recommends others who have not engaged in the study to do so.
3. We recommend that Presbytery's Council be instructed to call a special meeting of Presbytery not later than April 15, 1978 for the purpose of studying the issue of homosexuality with a view toward responding to the General Assembly's Council on Theology and Culture and other agencies growing out of this concern. That Council be authorized and instructed to plan the form and the agenda for this study.
4. We recommend that these three aforementioned overtures and/or resolutions be referred to that called meeting of Presbytery.

That the overture of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church concerning the "Resolution of the J. P. Stevens Boycott" issued by the National Council of Churches of Christ be answered in the negative. Presbytery commends to the churches the Study Packet of the Synod of North Carolina on this issue.

That Presbytery answer the overture from the Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church Session in the negative.

That Presbytery express its appreciation for the concerns of those of its constituents who have difficulty with the Reformed doctrine of Baptism.

That Presbytery reaffirm its conviction that the teachings of the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States are faithful to the witness of Scripture.

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made by C. F. Jacks, Jr. The report was adopted.

It has been our joy as those who have made up the court of Mecklenburg Presbytery at its 25th Stated Meeting to attend to the business of this session, to worship together, and to enjoy fellowship as fellow Presbyters.

We first of all express our gratitude for God's guiding us in this meeting. We pray that through all that we have said and done His will may be accomplished.

We also express our appreciation to the family of God at Carmel for their kindness and love which they have shown to us in many ways throughout this day. Our every need has been amply taken care of. We rejoice with them for these beautiful buildings which enrich their worship and enhance the program and mission of this church. We pray for God's guidance on this church in the years ahead as He has guided them in the past.

We also express our appreciation to Robert S. Maclin, III, the retiring Moderator, for his meaningful message in preparation for our observance of the Lord's Supper, and to R. A. Bigger, Jr. who, as Moderator, guided our court through its business in a most efficient way.

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The members of Presbytery stood and the benediction was pronounced by Henry S. Robinson.

Presbytery adjourned at 6:25 P.M. to meet at 9:00 A.M. on May 23, 1978 at the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Miss Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
April 15, 1978

The Presbytery met on this date in Westminster Presbyterian Church at 9:00 A.M. The Moderator, R. A. Bigger, Jr., opened the meeting with prayer. The congregation then joined in the singing of the hymn, "Blessed Assurance".

A quorum was declared present.

The ENROLLMENT was taken as follows:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Robert E. Burnett, Frank H. Caldwell, C. L. Cheshire, Jr., Roy W. Coker, W. B. H. Corkey, J. R. Crawford, Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., Robert O. Freeman, Robert J. Garment, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., L. P. Gwaltney, III, Glenn L. Hill, Paul A. Horne, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, C. Frank Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, J. W. Ligon, William G. Katibah, Jr., Jeff T. Kesterson, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, D. Scott Lindsay, Tom W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, III, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Fred R. McAlister, Sr., J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Roger P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Charles L. Kirkpatrick, W. L. Kline, Jr., Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret B. Peery, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Carl R. Pritchett, Robert W. Rayburn, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, John B. Rogers, Jr., James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, H. Howard Smith, J. R. Taylor, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, E. E. Washington, John A. Wilkerson, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Edward C. Wilson, W. G. Workman.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: J. Craig Butler, M. A. Cochrane, Jr. Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., E. L. Daniel, Jr., Dan L. Durway, Leighton Ford, J. David Fletcher, John A. Haley, Frank S. Jones, Chester Keller, Charles L. Kirby, John A. Luddy, Wilbur G. Maxwell, Julius W. Melton, Jr., Harry W. Philips, Jennings B. Reid, Fred R. Stair.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Robert L. Benson, Kenneth P. Craig, Charles C. Cowsert, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Fred C. Holder, Fred R. Horner, George H. V. Hunter, G. Wallace Johnson, Russell M. Kerr, T. A. Little, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, Warren G. Nance, T. J. Nash, III, Charles Norwood, D. W. Oldenburg, W. R. Otey, H. Louis Patrick, J. E. Ratchford, Tom K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, J. E. Smylie, H. Howard Smith, R. Z. Thomas, III, J. E. Wayland, Jr., Kenneth Woodard.

RULING ELDERS: Amay James, David L. Grier; Albemarle First, Marvin Tew, Paul Huneycutt; Albemarle Road, Charles Baker, Barbara D. Berryhill; Avondale, William E. Stowe, Jr., Watson C. Bearden; Bethlehem, Don Price; Caldwell Memorial, Julia Allen; Calvary, Herbert Blackwell; Carmel, Bill Knauff; Christ, Annette Pearson; Covenant, Sue Terrell, Carleton N. Whilden, David Stratton, Mrs. Frank H. Caldwell; Central Steele Creek, Charles Blackwelder; Cook's Memorial, Charles J. Parker, M. B. Dunn; Charlotte First, N. H. Hobbie, Mrs. Sue Kornegay, George M. Roberts; Davidson College, Julia Maulden; East, Russell Adkins; First Union, F. H. Lemonds, Jr.; Forest Hill, Charles A. Hunter, E. A. Abercrombie; Hickory Grove, Jimmy Porter, III; Hopewell, William E. Moss, Robert Henderson; Huntersville, Martha Monteith; Indian Trail, N. G. Killough; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Locust, Larry M. Baucom; Matthews, Elliott Welch, Jr.; Mallard Creek, William T. Alexander, Joe M. Wilson; Memorial, Don Ross; Monroe First, Mary M. Gettys; McQuay Memorial, Ollie Burrage; Myers Park, Doug Booth, Mrs. Hugh D. Verner, Richard Ferguson, R. A. Bigger, Jr., Morton L. Church, Jr.; Paw Creek, Brooks Love, Harold Caudill; Philadelphia, John E. W. Clark, James O. Brady; Pleasant Hill, T. LaFontine Odom; Plaza, Joe Hutchison, James C. Thomas; Providence, Dorothy Hrabanek; Quail Hollow, Carl B. Moss; Robinson, M. E. Gheesling; Ridgecrest, Alvin Ritchie; Ramah, Harry J. Washam; St. Giles, Charles Deal, Stan Elrod; Sardis, Isabel Reid, Gene Cathey, Maida E. Frye, Jim Sangster; Selwyn Avenue, D. G. Kimbrell; Sharon, Mrs. Reid Brown; Siler, Gill Davis; Steele Creek, Fred W. Berryhill; Sugaw Creek, Paul A. Craig, Thomas E. Hough; Third, Al Selby; Thomasboro, Ernest G. Davis; Turner, George Simpson; Waxhaw, Bill Carter; Westminster, Jim Henderson, J. L. Fulk; Westover Hills, Floyd M. Gardner; Williams Memorial, Emily Carr.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Benton Heights, Pageland, Seigle Avenue, Stephenson, Walkersville.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Amity, Badin, Banks, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Bethel, Beulah, Camden, Clanton Memorial, Cornelius, Hawley Memorial, Indian Hill, Lee Park, Marshville, McGee, Morven, Mulberry, Newell, New Salem, Norwood, Oakboro, Rehobeth, St. Andrews, St. John, Salem, Smallwood, South Tryon, Trinity, Unionville, Wadesboro.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Ellen Coble, Ruth Farrior, Helen Loyd, Jeanie Ogilvie, Tim Osterlund, Anne Vickers.

The Call for the meeting was read by the Stated Clerk as follows:

That Presbytery's Council be instructed to call a special meeting of Presbytery not later than April 15, 1978, for the purpose of studying the issue of homosexuality with a view toward responding to the General Assembly's Council on Theology and Culture and other agencies growing out of this concern.

That Council be authorized and instructed to plan the form and the agenda for this study.

That the three overtures and/or resolutions from the February Stated Meeting be referred to that called meeting of Presbytery.

The Call was found in order.

J. Arthur Beard was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Attendance Committee.

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman of Presbytery's Council, presented the proposed Docket for this meeting.

After considerable discussion, the amendments to the Docket were approved, and the Docket was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

1. Convening of Presbytery, R. A. Bigger, Jr., Moderator, Prayer and Hymn

   Statement of Call (Stated Clerk)

   Presentation of Docket (Chairman of Council)

2. Council's "Proposal" distributed to Court

3. Study Groups (Overtures, Resolutions, and other Communications Distributed)

   Thirty minutes allotted to review and reflect upon these papers.

   Study Group Moderators: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., William G. Katibah, Jr., Neil C. Leach, J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, T. W. Tucker.

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4. Court reconvene for discussion and appropriate action.

5. Consideration of Council's proposal, etc.

6. Reading and Approval of Minutes

7. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The Stated Clerk then presented to Presbytery the Communications as follows:

1. A Resolution from the Session of the Sugaw Creek Church regarding Homosexuality and the Church.

   A Statement on Homosexuality from the Session of the Camden Church.

   A Statement on Homosexuality from the Session of the Morven Church.

   A Statement on Homosexuality and the Presbyterian Church in the United States from the Session of the St. John Church.

2. Three documents referred to this meeting:
   1. Resolution to Mecklenburg Presbytery regarding homosexuality from the Session of the St. Giles Church.
   2. Proposed Overture to the General Assembly from Pleasant Hill Church regarding the study paper "The Church and Homosexuality: A Preliminary Study".
   3. Proposed Overture to the General Assembly from Pleasant Hill Church regarding the resolution of the National Council of Churches of Christ statement issued March 6, 1975 "Resolution on Civil Rights Without Discrimination As to Affectional or Sexual Preference".

J. Arthur Beard extended a cordial welcome to all those attending this meeting of Presbytery.

The Court then voted to divide itself into six small groups to review and reflect upon the Communications.

The meeting was recessed at 9:45 A.M.

Presbytery reconvened at 10:45 A.M. for discussion and appropriate action.

Lewis W. Bledsoe then presented to Presbytery the Council's Proposal for a Mecklenburg Presbytery Statement regarding homosexual behavior.

After discussion and debate, the following motion prevailed: As a result of our studies today and previously, and in response to the various overtures/resolutions and statements placed before the Court, that Presbytery:

1. Adopt the following statement proposed by Council entitled "Mecklenburg Presbytery's Statement Regarding Homosexual Behavior" and
2. Direct the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to mail copies of the Statement to the General Assembly's Council on Theology and Culture, the Stated Clerks of the General Assembly and the Synod of North Carolina, to the Sessions of each Church in the Presbytery, and to such other persons or agencies as may seem appropriate to the Stated Clerk.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY STATEMENT REGARDING HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Mecklenburg Presbytery in addressing the question of homosexual behavior does so not because we feel compelled to state a position on every human issue, nor that we are required to respond to those who ask for special judgment against some behavior or those who desire the legitimization of other behavior. Believing, however, that the Church has a responsibility to address social issues as the people of God struggle to live in the world, we affirm the following:

1. Because sin is original it is not restricted to willful disobedience, but includes our involvement in structures and conditions of life not of our making. Because sin is universal, judgment on the behavior of others should be accompanied by an awareness of our own sin, because we are all sinners.
2. In any ethical question the Church has solely to do with the will and command of God. That will and command is characteristically presented in Scripture as general principles and structures by which God orders the life of his people. While scientific, social, and legal considerations contribute to our understanding of the human situation, they may not compete with Scripture as the fundamental guide for Christian life.
3. The general will of God disclosed in Scripture for human sexuality is that persons accept each other in their unity as male **and** female, and that they accept their own and the other's sexual distinction as male **or** female. Scripture affirms heterosexuality as the fundamental order expressing God's will for his creatures. The relation of male and female is a primary expression of God's creative purpose, and also an authorized symbol of our relation with God and His with us (cf. Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 5, etc.).

4. **Any** form of sexual behavior that denies the divine ordering of fellowship and love between male and female, or that rejects one's own sexuality or the sexuality of the other, as in homosexual behavior, is out of conformity with the will of God and is as such transgression and sin.

5. Homosexual activity, or any other activity in opposition to the will of God, does not constitute an alternative lifestyle which is acceptable in the eyes of God, nor one that ought to be acceptable in the eyes of the people of God. However, judgment upon homosexual behavior to the neglect of other sexual sin, or a preoccupation with this form of behavior over others, is unjustified by Scripture and is lacking in Christian charity and humility.

6. The people of God are called to bear witness to the justice of the Kingdom of God and therefore should stand for just treatment of all persons in our society.

7. No one may require the Church to accept for ordination any whose style of life is adjudged by the responsible court of the church (presbytery or session) to be out of conformity with the will of God. We believe presbyteries and sessions are competent in questions regarding ordination and the behavior of their members.

8. God loves his whole creation and has sent Jesus Christ to be the shaping force of our existence and particularly the life of Faith. It is the duty of the people of God to express compassionate concern for all who struggle with sin, and in faith and repentance to rely upon God's grace to overcome that in us which is contrary to His will. Jesus Christ is Lord!

J. Arthur Beard presented the report of the Attendance Committee. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

Presbytery adopted the following motion.

Presbytery commends Presbytery's Council and its Chairman, Lewis W. Bledsoe, for their diligent efforts in preparation for this meeting. We also express thanks to the group leaders who assisted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Marcus B. Prince, III, and adopted.

Mecklenburg Presbytery, at its Called Meeting of April 15, wishes to thank God for this beautiful day on which this meeting has been held.

We also express our appreciation to the Westminster Church for their gracious hospitality in hosting this Called Meeting. Their warm congeniality and their kind service in meeting our needs most graciously have made our meeting so much more pleasant.

We are thankful to God for the warm and open discussion on this most difficult problem which faces us in our society today. We hope and pray that positive results in keeping with God's love and purpose for all people will come from our discussion, thought, seeking, and positions of understanding.

We appreciate the very fine way in which our Moderator, R. A. Bigger, Jr., has directed this meeting through to its completion.

The following motion was adopted: That the Stated Clerk and the Temporary Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The Court stood and the General Presbyter, Robert J. James, offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twenty-Sixth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church
Albemarle, North Carolina
May 23, 1978

The Presbytery convened at 9:00 A. M. on Tuesday, May 23, 1978. The Moderator, R. A. Bigger, Jr. called the meeting to order and offered the opening prayer. The congregation then joined in the singing of the hymn, "Christ Is The World's Redeemer."

A quorum was declared present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., J. Arthur Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, William M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, C. Linwood Cheshire, M. A. Cochrane, Roy W. Coker, Edward B. Cooper, Kenneth P. Craig, Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, Daniel L. Durway, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, Charles Elyea, J. David Fletcher, R. O. Freeman, R. J. Garment, Finley M. Grissett, L. P. Gwaltney, John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, Q. N. Huneycutt, George H. V. Hunter, C. F. Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, G. Wallace Johnson, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., Russell M. Kerr, C. L. Kirby, Charles E. Kirkpatrick, Larry Kline, Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, J. W. Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, Robert S. Maclin, Wilbur G. Maxwell, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Neil M. McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Julius W. Melton, R. P. Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren Nance, C. A. Norwood, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. R. Otey, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret B. Peery, Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., F. Clyde Pratt, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, H. H. Smith, Robert E. Smith, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, E. E. Washington, John E. Wayland, Jr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, T. Duke Williams, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth E. Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Jeff T. Kesterson, J. H. McKinnon, John B. Rogers, Jr., J. R. Taylor, John A. Luddy, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Leighton Ford, R. E. Johnston, Chester Keller, F. A. Mathes, Fred R. Stair, J. E. Wayland, Sr., Charles C. Cowsert, R. Z. Thomas, III.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: H. Louis Patrick, Neil Leach, T. A. Little, Jr., Earl MacCormac, Neely D. McCarter, A. J. McKelway, Jr., T. J. Nash, III, Horace E. Stoessel.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, George O. Stovall, Mrs. Elworth Plyler; Albemarle Road, Jesse Powell, Barbara Berryhill; Amity, Tom McLaughlin; Avondale, William E. Stowe, G. Douglas Aitken; Badin, D. A. Beck; W. H. Belk, Mrs. Hester Shytle; Benton Heights, Miss Patricia Bickett; Bethel, L. M. Kelly; Bethlehem, Edd G. Thomas; Caldwell Memorial, Shirlene Regehr; Calvary, Bobby J. Overcash; Camden, Hubert Beck; Carmel, Samuel Woods; Central Steele Creek, Coelle M. Snyder; Christ, Annette Pearson; Charlotte First, Roswell T. Mallory, Jr., Mrs. James P. Alexander, Frank R. Hand; Cook's Memorial, Clyde W. Cox, Sr., Garmon C. McCall; Cornelius, Hans Pluer; Covenant, Ernest B. Hunter, Jr., William Craemer, Jr., Carleton N. Whilden; Davidson College, Robert J. Manning; First Union, Robert Tallent; Forest Hill, Mrs. Edna H. McWhirter, Mrs. Faire Franklin; Hawley Memorial, Mary S. Ward; Hopewell, Howard S. White, Vance McElroy; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Robert E. Babb; Johnston Memorial, G. R. Dyer; Locust, Coil Barbee; Mallard Creek, Batte Hunter, C. H. Oehler; Marshville, Charles S. Boyce; Matthews, Lawrence O. Walser, III; McQuay, Charles Cloud; Monroe First, Sally Ormand, Fred McCallum; Morven, Bill Steagall; Mulberry, Thomas E. Frias; Myers Park, Alfred O. Canon, Richard A. Bigger, Jr., Mrs. Danny Verner, Elizabeth Harkey; Norwood, C. V. Byrd; Newell, J. C. Wilson; Oakboro, Mrs. Edith L. McLendon; Paw Creek, Brooks Tippett, C. Alvin Todd; Philadelphia, Ray H. Waltman; Pleasant Hill, William M. Boyd, IV; Providence, Mrs. Dorothy Ann Hrabanek; Plaza, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cuthbertson; Quail Hollow, Mrs. T. A. McReynolds; Ramah, Joe Bradford; Ridgecrest, Willard Tucker; St. Andrews, Robert H. Taylor; St. Giles, Bill Cuthbertson, John Wohlfarth; St. John, Howard L. Wilson; Sardis, Lewis Saunders, Gene Reel, Rachael Peoples, Frank M. Cureton; Seigle Avenue, Edith Gardner; Selwyn Avenue, Billie J. McFall; Siler, Ed Reid; Smallwood, Minnie Whitley; Steele Creek, Billy G. McCall, B. J. Brown; Stephenson, Larry Tyson; Sugaw Creek, Louie P. Hunter, III, Louise H. Brown; Third, Jack Cathey, Charles S. Armstrong; Thomasboro, Howard Counts; Turner, Danny Little; Wadesboro, Mrs. Charles Shelton; Waxhaw, W. N. Davis; Westminster, J. L. Fulk; Westminster, J. F. Boone; Williams Memorial, T. C. Chapman.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Clanton Memorial, Sharon, Walkersville.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Amay James, Banks, Bethany, Beulah, East, Hickory Grove, Robinson, Salem, South Tryon, Trinity, Unionville, Westover Hills, Lee Park, McGee, New Salem, Pageland, Rehobeth.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Nancy D. Collins, Ruth Farrior, Carlita Hunter, Virginia H. Jones, Suzette Kincer, Helen Loyd, Eleanor McNair, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery were introduced and welcomed.

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman of the Court Meetings

Committee, presented the Docket for the meeting, which was adopted as amended.

THE DOCKET

9:00	1.	Convened with Prayer and Song—R. A. Bigger, Jr.
	2.	Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visitors
	3.	Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—C. F. Jacks, Jr.
	4.	Election of Moderator, Billy G. McCall, Moderator-Nominee
	5.	Committee on Arrangements—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
	6.	Appointment of Standing Committees: A. Bills and Overtures B. Attendance C. Tellers D. Resolutions
	7.	Communications and New Business (referral to Committees)
9:30	8.	Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee (Part I: Candidates for Care)—J. H. McKinnon, Jr.
	9.	Report of Commission on the Minister—Roy W. Coker
	10.	Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (Last Order before Recess)
10:15		RECESS (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of this recess)
10:30	11.	Brief Announcements
	12.	Report of Presbytery's Council (Part I)—Lewis W. Bledsoe A. Harrison Taylor, Council on Theology and Culture B. Report on Presbytery's Budgets
11:45	13.	Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee (Part II: Ministerial Transfers)—J. H. McKinnon, Jr.
12:30		LUNCH
1:30	14.	Worship (Special Order)—R. A. Bigger, Jr. Memorial to The Reverend W. B. McSwain
	14.-A	Report of Personnel Committee—L. I. Stell
2:00	15.	Report of the Division of the Mission of Presbytery A. Christian Education—Kenneth P. Craig (including report from Women of the Church) B. Specialized Ministry—J. David Fletcher
3:00		RECESS
3:15	16.	Report of Presbytery's Council (Part II)—Lewis W. Bledsoe
	17.	Necessary Announcements
	18.	Unfinished Business (including Standing Committee Reports)
	19.	Commissions to be Appointed
	20.	Reading and Adoption of Minutes
	21.	Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The Moderator-in-Nomination, Billy G. McCall, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., the Host Pastor, extended a cordial invitation to those attending this meeting of Presbytery and presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

BILLS AND OVERTURES

R. A. Bigger, Jr., Chairman
Charles L. Kirby
William G. Katibah, Jr.
Fred McCallum (Monroe First)
Lawrence O. Walser, III (Matthews)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Thomas L. Shields, III
Clyde Cox (Cook's Memorial)
Mrs. Nena Cuthbertson (Plaza)

TELLERS

R. E. Smith, Jr., Chairman
L. P. Gwaltney, III
John Wohlfarth (St. Giles)
Mrs. Minnie Whitley (Smallwood)

RESOLUTIONS

C. F. Jacks, Jr., Chairman
and members of Court Meetings Committee present

The Stated Clerk presented the Communications, and action was taken as follows:

1. Certificate of Dismission for Leighton B. McKeithen, now of Fayetteville Presbytery, and Associate Pastor elect of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.
2. Overture from Jeff K. Aiken, Jr. regarding "Tax Reform as it Affects Church and Charitable Contributions". Referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Henry S. Robinson was elected Recording Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then moved to the consideration of Part I of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. Scott Lindsay, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Care of Candidates, presented to Presbytery Mrs. Eleanor Alexander Galloway and Mr. John Haywood Williams, Jr., for examination by Presbytery with a view to their reception as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Both are members of First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. Mrs. Galloway is a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and Mr. Williams will enter Columbia Theological Seminary in the fall.

Mrs. Galloway and Mr. Williams were examined on their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the Gospel

Ministry. The examinations were sustained and Presbytery adopted a motion that Mrs. Galloway and Mr. Williams be admitted as Candidates for the Ministry under care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

G. Carswell Hughs, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, offered a prayer in behalf of the new Candidates and delivered a charge to them. Following the charge, they signed the Roll Book of Candidates for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. The report was adopted.

The Commission on the Minister met on March 21 and April 18, 1978. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery for your INFORMATION:

1. Upon his request and with the concurrence of the congregation the Commission dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. James E. Ratchford and the First Presbyterian Church of Norwood effective July 31, 1978.
2. The Commission appointed the Rev. J. H. McKinnon, Jr. to serve for a period of six months as the sponsor of the Rev. Leighton B. McKeithen.
3. We would call the attention of the Presbytery that the Commission has mailed to all Ministers and Clerks of Session the proposed "Guidelines for Mecklenburg Presbytery Regarding Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments". We have invited response to these "Guidelines" by June 30, and expect to make recommendation concerning these "Guidelines" to the Presbytery in September.
4. Appointed as Moderator Pro Tem of the Session of Cook's Memorial Church the Rev. J. K. Aiken, Jr. for the period March 21-April 30, 1978.
5. Appointed as Moderator Pro Tem of the Session of the Marshville Church the Rev. J. Craig Butler.

The Commission makes the following RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the call from the Covenant Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Leighton B. McKeithen to be the Associate Minister of Pastoral Care be found in order and placed in his hands, after he has been examined by Presbytery and enrolled as a member of Presbytery. Also that a Commission be appointed to install Mr. McKeithen. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$15,137.00
Housing Allowance	5,200.00
Group Life and Major Medical for minister and family	
Full 12% dues of Ministers' Annuity Fund	
Continuing Education, to extent used:	500.00
Provide automobile	
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks annual study leave	
Moving expenses to field	
Annual review of the terms of this call	

2. That the following proposed changes in terms of call of Ministers be approved effective January 1, 1978:

CHURCH	MINISTER	SALARY		AUTO ALLOWANCE	
		From	To	From	To
Sharon	J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	$14,500	$15,000	$3,000	$3,300
			Cont. Ed.	400	600
Ramah	Glenn L. Hill	9,400	10,000	1,500	2,000
St. Giles	French B. O'Shields	19,201	18,775	1,574	2,000
effective 2/1/78 From free use of manse to housing allowance $4,200—annually.					
Waxhaw	W. D. Morton			1,500	2,000

3. That the call of the Session of the Albemarle Road Church to The Rev. Leonard Topping to be the Interim Associate Pastor for Visitation for one year be approved. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$1,600.00
Auto Allowance	1,200.00
Utility Allowance	1,200.00
Housing Allowance	1,400.00

4. That the Rev. James E. Ratchford be designated Honorably Retired by Mecklenburg Presbytery, effective July 31, 1978; and that the Presbytery express its appreciation to Mr. Ratchford for his thirty-nine years of faithful service rendered to the Presbyterian Church in the United States as an ordained Minister of the Word and the Sacraments.

5. That the Rev. Robert O. Freeman be appointed Interim Supply of the Cook's Memorial Church and Moderator Pro Tem of the Session effective May 1, 1978 for a period of three months, subject to renewal. Terms of call are the Presbytery minimum.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Commission on the Minister met on May 16, 1978. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery for your INFORMATION:

1. Upon his request and with the concurrence of the congregation of the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, the Pastoral relationship existing between the Rev. John B. Rogers, Jr. and that Congregation was dissolved, effective May 31, 1978; and Mr. Rogers was granted a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of the Pines, Synod of Red River in order that he may accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

2. The Commission has adopted "Guidelines for Continuing Education". These "Guidelines" are just what the title indicates, they are to be used by the ministers and sessions as a guide to them in working out the ministers' use of the allowance and time that is part of the terms of call.

3. Appointed the Rev. W. Rush Otey, III as Moderator Pro Tem of the Session of the Davidson College Church effective June 1, 1978.

4. We would call your attention to the fact that as of this date there are seven (7) churches with Pulpit Nominating Committees actively seeking for a pastor. They are: First Union; Hopewell; Turner; Siler; Marshville; Cook's Memorial; and Davidson College. There are three (3) churches with Nominating Committees actively seeking an Associate Pastor. They are: First Charlotte; Trinity; and Steele Creek. The Commission is working with these ten (10) Nominating Committees.

GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

The following "Guidelines for Continuing Education" were adopted as suggestions by The Commission on The Minister on May 16, 1978.

In response to requests from ministers and sessions and to suggestions received from a Presbytery questionnaire the Commission suggests the following guidelines for the use of the study time and the study allowance which churches are providing for their ministers.

The questionnaire revealed that both ministers and churches are looking at continuing education as a means of increasing the effectiveness of ministry and as an opportunity which must be accepted with a serious sense of responsibility.

1. That persons receiving these allowances for study commit themselves to spend a minimum of 40 hours (in addition to study done for current sermon preparation) in a special study program each year.
2. That such persons commit themselves to an extended continuing education event at least every other year—preferably every year. This event may be a study program conducted in the bounds of Presbytery over an extended period of time, an intensive one/two week program at a seminary, a college, or some other established education and study center.
3. That study time be used within each calendar year and not carried over from year to year.
4. That sessions encourage ministers to such study by setting aside meetings or parts of meetings in which the minister may outline plans for projected study and for sharing the results of His/Her study with the session.
5. That ministers consider the desirability of forming collegial groups with other ministers to encourage and plan continuing education programs with and for one another: i. e., to study as a learning group, to promote continuing education in the Presbytery.
6. That the Presbytery's Commission offer suggestions from time to time, and announce opportunities available, through the Presbytery Newsletter.

Presbytery adopted the following motion:

That the Stated Clerk be instructed to express by letter to John B. Rogers, Jr. the appreciation of Mecklenburg Presbytery for his fellowship and labor among us, and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Pines.

Charles L. Kirby was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the September, 1978, Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 10:10 A. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 10:30 A. M.

Part I of the report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, Lewis W. Bledsoe. He stated that Council had invited Reverend Harrison Taylor, Staff Person for the Council on Theology and Culture of the General Assembly, to address Presbytery. A motion to hear Dr. Taylor at this time was adopted.

Dr. Taylor then addressed Presbytery regarding the Work of the Council on Theology and Culture.

Mr. Bledsoe presented the report of the Council on Presbytery's Budgets. He explained in detail the three alternative Mecklenburg Presbytery Budget Plans.

A motion that Presbytery resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for no more than thirty minutes for the purpose of examining and discussing the alternative budget plans provided by Council was adopted.

At the conclusion of the thirty minute period, Presbytery rose from committee and adopted a motion to extend the discussion for an additional thirty minutes. Upon rising from Committee, Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. Approved a budgeting process which will eliminate the per capita assessment; have Presbytery operate on one budget funded by a single asking/budget challenge from each church which will include the assessments of the Synod and General Assembly.
2. Approved a motion that, in any display of total unified budget figures for adoption by Presbytery or congregation, such total figures shall be presented in component amounts labeled "For Presbytery Mission", "For Synod Mission", "For General Assembly Mission".
3. That Presbytery's Council present to the next meeting of Presbytery the way in which distribution of funds will be made including what will be done in case of "shortfall" in total receipts.

Recess for lunch was taken at 12:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting resumed at 1:30 P. M.

As a Special Order, Presbytery engaged in a Service of Worship. The service was conducted by Robert Freeman, and the Retiring Moderator, R. A. Bigger, Jr. addressed Presbytery concerning his observations on the work being done by Presbytery.

The service included a Memorial to the Reverend William Belk McSwain prepared by Frank Alfred Mathes and read to Presbytery by Leslie Thompson. W. M. Boyce offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Mr. McSwain's faithful service and asked for God's blessings upon his family.

A Memorial was adopted and admitted to record.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
REVEREND WILLIAM BELK McSWAIN

March 27, 1908—May 6, 1978

No more shall we see his smiling face. No more shall we hear his quiet laughter. No more shall we enjoy his sly humor, his warm words, his gracious sermons. Nor the warmth of his humility. Nor the impact of his friendly greetings. Nor his wise judgment, his staunch dedication, his unfailing loyalty to Christ and Christ's Kingdom on earth. No more shall we hear his gentle footsteps at the door, enjoy the beauty of his flowers and gardens, feel the lift of his private devotions as he bent in prayer for those whom he loved and served and held dear.

William Belk McSwain is with us no more in physical person, yet he shall live forever in our hearts and memories and gratitude. His was a convincing witness of true faith, quiet humility, warm compassion, bright hope, perfect trust, and unfailing love during the years of his active life and ministry. He showed us how to live. And in the end he showed us how to die.

The Reverend William Belk McSwain was born in Stanly County, near Norwood, North Carolina, on March 27, 1908. His parents were George David McSwain and Minty Hudson McSwain. He lived seventy years, God's allotted span, and died May 6, 1978 in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina. He was buried Monday, May 8, 1978 in Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church yard, Charlotte, North Carolina. Our Heavenly Father gave him a wonderfully useful, endearing, and rich life of Christian faith and service.

Bill McSwain was reared in Oxford, North Carolina, Masonic Orphanage, and attended Oxford High School where he graduated as Valedictorian of his class. From Davidson College, he received the BA degree as an honor student in 1931. From Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, he received the BD degree in 1934 and the Th.M. degree in 1938. His wife is the former Carolyn Armstrong (McClure) and they were joined in matrimony in Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church by the Reverend Dr. LeRoy Burney on May 13, 1933. They enjoyed forty-five years together. Their children are Flora Elaine (Mrs. Melvin L. Sipe) of Kent, Ohio, and the Reverend William David McSwain, of Wilmington Presbytery (PCUS), North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, four brothers and two grandchildren, Suzanne and Carolyn Sipe. His son David is married to the former Sharyn Russell of Asheville, North Carolina. His daughter Elaine is an Associate in Christian Education at First United Church of Christ, Kent, Ohio (where her husband is professor in Kent State College), and she is studying theology as a candidate for the ordained ministry of the gospel.

Bill McSwain was a candidate for the ministry in Mecklenburg Presbytery (PCUS). He served 36 years in the active pastorate, 8 years as an Honorably Retired Minister; total of 44 years in the ordained ministry. His ministry emphasized the organizing and building of new mission churches, and he served eleven churches during ten pastorates, as follows: Robinson and Matthews Churches, Charlotte; Second Church, Concord; Newton Church; First Church, Bartow, Florida; Armstrong Memorial, Gastonia; Clanton Memorial, Charlotte; Clarksville, Virginia; Providence Church, Angier, North Carolina; Walkersville, Waxhaw; Kirkwood Church, Kannapolis. He was Honorably Retired by Concord Presbytery on April 1, 1970. His longest and most memorable pastorate was for twelve years in Clanton Memorial Church, Charlotte. His last illness was an extended four years of suffering in and out of hospitals with Parkinson disease, a paralytic stroke and complications, yet he was ever cheerful and uncomplaining.

Bill McSwain will long be remembered by all who knew him. For to know him was to love him. He possessed a keen sense of humor, was genuinely and deeply compassionate, ever humble and pious, and owned a sharp theological mind. He loved gardening and sharing his flowers and vegetables with his loved ones and friends. He read his daily Bible readings from the original Greek and Hebrew, and was an avid reader of the best of literature all of his life. We shall miss him in Charlotte and in Mecklenburg Presbytery and in church circles. We know he is brightening life and endeavors in his heavenly home today. When we think of Bill McSwain in days to come, we shall join with the Apostle of old in saying, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3).

Frank Alfred Mathes

L. I. Stell, Chairman, presented the report of the Personnel Committee. The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE REPLACEMENTS

Pre-Ordination and Examinations

Raleigh Shoemaker (Selwyn Avenue), Class of 1980, to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Joseph B. Henry (Albemarle Road).

Harry W. Philips, Class of 1980, to fill the unexpired term of John B. Rogers, Jr.

Christian Education

Mrs. Elaine Barnett (Monroe First), Class of 1980, to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Suzette Kincer.

Specialized Ministry

H. Howard Smith, Class of 1978, to fill the unexpired term of Wayne R. Aughinbaugh.

Task Force on New Church Development

Mrs. D. Grier Martin (Davidson College), to replace Mrs. Julia Maulden (Davidson College), who resigned.

To be ADDED to **Task Force on New Church Development**

MINISTERS

T. W. Tucker
J. Randolph Taylor

LAY MEMBERS

Mrs. Dorothy Anne Hrabanek (Providence)
William Knauff, III (Carmel)

Presbytery then moved to the consideration of Part II of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee. T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Ministerial Transfers, presented Leighton B. McKeithen, Associate Pastor—Elect of Covenant Presbyterian Church, now of Fayetteville Presbytery, for examination by Presbytery with a view toward reception as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Mr. McKeithen made a statement concerning his Christian experience, and he was examined as to his views on theology and church government. Opportunity was given for questions from the floor. The examination was sustained in its several parts and as a whole.

The call for the services of Mr. McKeithen was placed in his hands and by him accepted. (See report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of this call). He was then enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, Kenneth P. Craig, assisted by Carlita Hunter, Ken Woodard, Anne McQuiston, Robert E. Smith and Suzette Kincer, members of the Committee.

The report of this committee included the presentation of the annual report of the Women of the Church by Mrs. Philip L. Godfrey. This report was received as information.

A motion was adopted to express appreciation to Suzette Kincer for her faithful and sacrificial work as a member of the Christian Education Committee, particularly in the area of Youth Ministries.

The proposed **Manual** changes concerning the Christian Education Committee were adopted by Presbytery as FIRST READING.

1. That **Presbytery's Manual,** Chapter 5, Section 1 (2) Christian Education Committee be changed:
   a. From: "Membership: 5 ministers, 10 lay members"
   b. To: "Membership: 9 Church professionals (Ministers, Educators), 9 lay persons.
2. That **Presbytery's Manual**, Chapter X, 10 (1) Terms of Committee members be amended:
   a. By changing the last sentence of the last paragraph from "The Personnel Committee shall submit nominations for all committee and commission replacements at the September meeting of Presbytery to take office at the beginning of the calendar year."

      To: The Personnel Committee shall submit nominations for all committee and commission replacements, **including chairpersons,** at the September meeting of Presbytery to take office at the beginning of the calendar year.
   b. By adding the following sentence to the paragraph: Each Committee and Commission shall submit to the Personnel Committee its suggestions for membership and chairpersons by the May meeting of Presbytery, but the Personnel Committee shall not be bound to nominate those suggested.

The report of the Specialized Ministry Committee was made by J. David Fletcher and received as information.

Part II of Presbytery's Council report was presented by the Chairman, Lewis W. Bledsoe. The report and its recommendations were adopted.

Since the last Stated Meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Council has supervised preparations and moving into the new Mecklenburg Presbytery Center. We are happy to report that the Center was occupied on April 17 and that renovations, furnishings and equipment purchases, etc. are being completed within the budget allocations. A final report will be presented in September. Also, Council plans to have an Open House for the new Center in the early fall.

2. Representatives of the Council attended the Tri-Court Negotiations in Raleigh, April 6, and negotiated an approximate five percent increase of support to the higher courts in 1979.
3. Council has fulfilled the instructions of the February meeting of Presbytery regarding the calling of a special meeting to study the issue of homosexuality.
4. Council has accelerated payment of the Assembly assessment through June of this year to help alleviate the strain the Assembly experiences by the cost of holding the Assembly.
5. Council has reviewed and approved the Minutes of the February Meeting of Presbytery as instructed.
6. Council, through its Budget and Stewardship Committee, has developed plans for a Stewardship Training Workshop to be held May 31, 1978 in Myers Park Presbyterian Church, at 6:00 P.M. Reservations have been solicited by the Committee.
7. The Search Committee for a new Presbytery Associate for Christian Education has prepared a job description which Council has approved and forwards to Presbytery for its adoption. Interviews are now in progress for this office.
8. The audit report from the firm of Fullager-Hobbs and Company, Certified Public Accountants, indicating that the cash receipts and disbursements of the Mecklenburg Central Treasurer reflect correctly the transactions of the Central Treasurer, was received as information, entered in the record of Council and is available for review in Presbytery's Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery hear Richard Shaw regarding plans for the Stewardship Training Workshop.
2. That Presbytery adopt the proposed job description for the Presbytery Associate for Christian Education presented by Fred Horner, Chairman of the Search Committee.

The job description for the Presbytery Associate for Christian Education was adopted as amended.

POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY ASSOCIATE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Presbytery Associate for Christian Education advocates Christian Education within the Presbytery to enable the judicatory and local churches to understand and fulfill their Christian Education responsibilities. This person works with Presbytery's Christian Education Committee to shape and implement educational programs for the local churches.

The Presbytery Associate for Christian Education initiates program plans, resources, and support for the Christian Education Committee and local churches to provide for effective growth and nurture. This person assumes responsibility to strengthen professional and volunteer educators in local churches through appropriate committees and programs.

The Presbytery Associate for Christian Education has responsibility for administering policy, program planning, and resourcing of the Presbytery Christian Education Center.

The Presbytery Associate for Christian Education provides, in consultation with the Presbytery Christian Education Committee, representation at Christian Education events on the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels, when necessary or desirable. This person keeps appropriate persons and committees in Presbytery informed of the actions of these events.

The Presbytery Associate for Christian Education is called by Presbytery, accountable to its Council, and under the supervision of the General Presbyter. This person is an advisory member of the Presbytery Christian Education Committee. This person supervises the manager of the Presbytery Christian Education Center.

The Presbytery Associate for Christian Education is a member of the staff of Mecklenburg Presbytery and works together with the General Presbyter and other support staff persons to lead and assist the judicatory and local churches to carry out their diverse responsibilities. This person enhances the Christian Education ministry of Presbytery through teaching, developing the Presbytery Christian Education Center, leading in corporate worship in local churches and in other ways mutually determined by the General Presbyter and Presbytery's Committees.

This job description will be reviewed annually and will be subject to revision according to the changing needs of Presbytery and the developing interests and abilities of the Associate.

The report of Presbytry's Council was adopted as a whole.

Presbytery recessed at 3:30 P. M. and reconvened at 3:45 P. M.

The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by the Chairman, R. A. Bigger, Jr. The report was adopted.

Whereas the Congress of the United States is now considering tax reform proposals, some of which are potentially detrimental to contributions to churches and charitable organizations and institutions,

Whereas under current considerations a proposed increase in the amount a taxpayer can earn and still claim the standard deduction could diminish the incentive for giving, unless charitable contributions are deductible as well, and

Whereas charitable contributions do not benefit the donor and should not be included with other deductible expenses;

Therefore, The Presbytery of Mecklenburg takes note of this growing problem and expresses its concern by:

a. Requesting that the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States look toward making provisions which would permit citizens to take deductions to church and charitable organizations and institutions, as well as the standard income tax deduction.

b. Requesting its members and member churches to write their senators and congressmen expressing their concern in this regard.

c. Requesting its commissioners to the 118th General Assembly to consider making a commissioners' resolution reflecting a similar request (as expressed in "a" above) on the part of the General Assembly.

The report of the Attendance Committe was made by the Chairman, J. Arthur Beard. This report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

Marcus B. Prince, III, presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. The report was adopted.

Mecklenburg Presbytery at its 26th Stated Meeting on May 23, 1978, wishes to express its appreciation to God for the beauty of this day and for His guidance and presence upon our deliberations. We thank Him for the mission and work He gives us to do as His Church and especially through this particular body. We pray that the actions that we have taken and the plans that we have made to carry out this mission may be according to His will.

We express our appreciation to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle for hosting this meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery and making their very beautiful and convenient facilities available for our use. They have been most gracious hosts and hostesses as they have seen that our needs have been met in a most warm and generous way. We especially express our appreciation to the Women of the Church for the delicious meal and refreshments they provided for our enjoyment. We pray God's continued guidance upon this church as it seeks to serve Him in this community and throughout the world.

We have accomplished our work in such an efficient way through the very capable direction of our Moderator, Billy G. McCall. We express our appreciation also to the retiring Moderator, R. A. Bigger, Jr., for the very inspiring message which he brought to us during our worship. We commend the Council for its diligent work in helping us as a Presbytery to better carry forth our yearly budgets, and especially to Lewis Bledsoe for his presentation and leadership in our discussion of this matter.

In closing we express our appreciation to all who have worked and planned and participated in this meeting of Presbytery to make it such a meaningful meeting.

The following Installation Commission was appointed by Presbytery:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL LEIGHTON B. McKEITHEN AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1978 AT 11:00 A. M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

Douglas W. Oldenburg, To preach the Sermon

Fred R. Horner, To lead the Worship

RULING ELDERS:

Ward McKeithen (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor

Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Mrs. India McCachren (Covenant), To offer the Prayer of Installation

A motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was adopted. The Court stood and the Moderator offered the closing prayer. Time of adjournment: 4:40 P. M.

Presbytery stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M. on September 26, 1978 at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Davidson, North Carolina.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
July 6, 1978

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened in a Called Meeting in the Morrison Chapel of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 2:30 P. M. on July 6, 1978.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Billy G. McCall.

The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present. He then read the statement of Call for the Meeting.

The requirements of the **BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER** having been met by action of Presbytery's Council, Mecklenburg Presbytery is hereby called to meet on Thursday, July 6, 1978, at 2:30 P. M. in the Chapel of the Covenant Presbyterian Church for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of Council's Special Search Committee for Presbytery's Associate for Christian Education and any other matters arising therefrom.

Communications presented by the Stated Clerk were requests for excused absence. These were referred to the Attendance Committee.

The Moderator appointed to serve on the Attendance Committee those members of the Court present who had served on this Committee at the Stated Meeting in May 1978.

ENROLLMENT was taken, and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., J. Arthur Beard, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Roy W. Coker, W. B. H. Corkey, Ken P. Craig, Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., C. D. Elyea, Jr., William M. Edwards, Robert O. Freeman, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., L. P. Gwaltney, III, Warner L. Hall, Fred Horner, Robert S. Hough, C. Frank Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Robert E. Johnston, William G. Katibah, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, J. W. Ligon, D. Scott Lindsay, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., F. R. McAlister, Sr., Leighton B. McKeithen, Neil M. McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, Jr., W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Robert W. Rayburn, Earle D. Roberts, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, H. Howard Smith, Robert E. Smith, Jr., J. Randolph Taylor, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, Emanuel E. Washington, John E. Wayland, Sr., Edward C. Wilson.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., G. Carswell Hughs, Russell M. Kerr, W. G. Maxwell, C. A. Norwood, French B. O'Shields, Jr., H. Louis Patrick, A. G. Peery, Jr., Glenn B. Robinson, Fred R. Stair.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: Robert C. Benson, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., C. C. Cowsert, J. R. Crawford, D. L. Durway, J. David Fletcher, Leighton Ford, R. J. Garment, John A. Haley, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, George H. V. Hunter, G. W. Johnson, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, C. E. Kirkpatrick, W. L. Kline, Jr., N. C. Leach, T. A. Little, Jr., R. S. Maclin, III, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Roger P. Melton, A. J. McKelway, Jr., J. W. Melton, T. J. Nash, III, D. W. Oldenburg, W. R. Otey, III, Margaret B. Peery, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., James E. Ratchford, Jennings B. Reid, T. K. Reinowski, R. Z. Thomas, III, J. A. Wilkerson, Jr., Kenneth Woodard.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Elaine Barnett, Ruth Farrior, Jean Floyd, Carlita Hunter, Virginia H. Jones, Jessica Layman, Helen Loyd, Eleanor M. McNair, Jeanie Ogilvie, Eubank Taylor, Anne Vickers.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Dolly Plyler, Marvin Tew; Albemarle Road, Barbara D. Berryhill, Thomas E. Miller; Central Steele Creek, Yates W. Reep; Charlotte First, Roswell Mallory, Mary Dunlap, Frank R. Hand; Christ, George P. Stowe; Clanton Memorial, Norman Furr; Cook's Memorial, Garmon McCall; Covenant, Fannie Caldwell; First Union, James Shaver; Forest Hill, Edna McWhirter, Faire Franklin; Hopewell, Howard S. White, Vance McElroy; Huntersville, LeGette Blythe; Indian Trail, Stephen E. Pitt; Matthews, G. E. Welch, Jr.; Newell, Melvin Love; Plaza, Edward Moag, Mrs. B. D. Rodgers, Jr.; Sardis, Mrs. A. P. White, Beverly S. Moss, Etta Anderson; Seigle Avenue, Summers Tarlton; Smallwood, Mrs. Minnie Whitley; Steele Creek, B. J. Brown, Billy G. McCall; Stephenson, Larry Tyson, Sugaw Creek, Donald MacKay; Third, Charles S. Armstrong; Westminster, J. L. Fulk; Westover Hills, Frank R. Carson: Williams Memorial, L. T. Austin.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Benton Heights, Camden, Morven, Pageland, Salem.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Amay James, Amity, Avondale, Badin, Banks, W. H. Belk, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Caldwell Memorial, Calvary, Carmel, Cornelius, Davidson College, East, Hawley Memorial, Hickory Grove, Indian Hill, Johnston Memorial, Lee Park, Locust, Mallard Creek, Marshville, McGee, McQuay Memorial, Monroe First, Mulberry, Myers Park, New Salem, Norwood, Oakboro, Paw Creek, Philadelphia, Pleasant Hill, Providence, Quail Hollow, Ramah, Rehobeth, Ridgecrest, Robinson, St. Andrews, St. Giles, St. John, Selwyn Avenue, Sharon, Siler, South Tryon, Thomasboro, Trinity, Turner, Unionville, Wadesboro, Walkersville, Waxhaw.

The Moderator recognized the Chairman of Presbytery's Council, Lewis W. Bledsoe. Mr. Bledsoe introduced the Chairman of the Special Search Committee for Presbytery's Associate for Christian Education, Fred R. Horner.

Mr. Horner presented the Committee's report:

Mecklenburg Presbytery
Presbytery Associate for Christian Education Search Committee

Since the Presbytery Associate for Christian Education Search Committee was elected by Presbytery at its November 15, 1977 meeting, the committee has met 12 times. Its membership consists of three ministers, two professional Christian educators, and two Ruling Elders, who were or are, involved in public education.

The committee saw as its initial task to orient itself to the situation and responsibiliies of the Presbytery Associate for Christian Education. Committee members agreed to interview the General Presbyter, the former Presbytery Associate for Christian Education, the Presbytery Council chairman, the former chairman of the Presbytery Associate for Christian Education Search Committee, the Presbytery Christian Education Center Manager, the Presbytery Christian Education Committee chairman, and Christian educators.

In addition, the committee dealt with these factors as a part of its work:

1. Considered the policies and physical arrangements of the Presbytery Resource Center; matters which would normally have been dealt with by the Presbytery Associate for Christian Education, had such a person been available, Christian Education Committee, and General Presbyter.
2. Reviewed the position description contained in the Appendix of Presbytery's Manual and revised it to better conform to the present situation, expectations, and information gathered from persons and groups previously named.
3. Reviewed the compensation for this position and surveyed other presbyteries with comparable staffs to determine what is an equitable remuneration for the responsibilities involved.
4. Requested Presbytery's Council to appoint a task force to assess the responsibilities of the Presbytery Resource Center Manager and write a position description.
5. Weighed the strengths and weaknesses of whether the person called as Presbytery Associate for Christian Education should be ordained or non-ordained.

The Search Committee solicited the names of candidates for this position whenever it met with individuals or groups. A variety of names from individuals and the Office of Professional Development in Atlanta were submitted. Committee members carefully read the data forms of candidates and followed up wherever possible with reference checks. The committee then ranked those candidates it wanted to interview.

The committee interviewed two candidates with a frustrated attempt to interview a third. From those interviews there appeared to emerge a strong conviction that the committee had been led to Miss Jocelyn Hill who possessed the qualifications and experience ideally suited for the position of Presbytery Associate for Christian Education.

Subsequent interviews, both in person and by telephone, were held and the Search Committee unanimously extended an invitation, with the concurrence of the General Presbyter and Council Chairman, to Jocelyn to become the Mecklenburg Presbytery Associate for Christian Education.

Other members of the Committee presented parts of the report, as follows:

William A. Dysard, Jr., spoke of the compatibility of the position description and the nominee.

Helen Loyd spoke of the nominee's qualifications and experience.

W. G. Katibah, Jr., spoke of ways in which members and churches in Presbytery can support the Presbytery staff.

Mr. Horner then introduced the other members of the Special Committee and presented the following proposed terms of call:

Proposed Terms of the Call:

Salary	$12,500
Car Allowance	2,000
Housing Allowance and Utilities	4,000
Annuity	2,220
Continuing Education	300
Hospitalization	316
Presbytery's portion of Social Security payments	1,071
Contingency Fund	300
Total	22,707

One Month Vacation
Two weeks Study Leave
Moving Expenses to the Field

Opportunity was given for members of the Court to ask questions.

Mr. Bledsoe, Chairman of Council, then presented the recommendation of Council that Mecklenburg Presbytery call Miss Jocelyn Hill to be Presbytery Associate for Christian Education, effective August 15, 1978, at the terms of call as proposed. The Presbytery voted to approve the recommendation.

The Attendance Committee report was presented by J. Arthur Beard. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

Lewis W. Bledsoe made the motion that the Special Search Committee for Presbytery's Associate for Christian Education be commended for their work and that they be dismissed after the arrival and greeting of Miss Hill to her new work. The motion was seconded and adopted by the Presbytery.

The motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P. M. with prayer by the Moderator.

Earle D. Roberts
Recording Clerk

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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February 28, 1978

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MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
July, 1962	Covenant Church	Rev. N. C. Kirkland
Oct. 1962	Selwyn Avenue	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb. 1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May 1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford
Sept. 1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov. 1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig
Feb. 1976	Sardis Church	Rev. Glenn B. Robinson
May 1976	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Eldon D. Wadsworth
Sept. 1976	Quail Hollow Church	Price H. Gwynn, III
Nov. 1976	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Edward C. Wilson
Feb. 1977	Selwyn Avenue Church	Austin C. Thies
May 1977	Albemarle Road Church	Rev. C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
Sept. 1977	Thomasboro Church	Rev. T. W. Tucker
Nov. 1977	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert S. Maclin, III
Feb. 1978	Carmel Church	R. A. Bigger, Jr.
May 1978	First Church, Albemarle	Billy G. McCall

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DIRECTORY OF MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY

1979

Officers of The Presbytery:

Charles L. Kirby, Moderator of September Meeting, 1601 East 5th Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Richard P. Shaw, Moderator of November Meeting, 6700 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Robert J. James, General Presbyter—Stated Clerk, 1830 Queens Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ms. Jocelyn Hill, Presbytery Associate for Christian Education, 1830 Queens Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Treasurer: Albert D. Leopold, 1830 Queens Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Chaplain: David E. Wilkinson, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

TRUSTEES

Davidson College—Elected for Four Years:

1979—J. Mason Wallace (Sardis) (1), J. H. Barnhardt (Covenant) (1)
1980—G. Don Davidson, Jr. (Covenant) (3), Price H. Gwynn, III (Steele Creek) (2), Thomas M. Belk (Myers Park) (2)

Presbytery:

Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant), Chairman, 2242 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

1979—Robert C. Hord, Jr. (Covenant) (Chm.)
1980—David Wilson (Steele Creek)
1981—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

William G. Katibah, Jr., Chairman, 1040 Woodlawn Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers:

1979—Jeff T. Kesterson
1979—William G. Katibah, Jr. (Chm.)
1980—J. Randolph Taylor
1981—Kenneth P. Craig
1981—T. W. Tucker

Elders:

1979—W. L. Wildermuth (Wadesboro)
1979—Don R. Monteith (Cook's Memorial)
1980—Mrs. Marjorie Smith (Steele Creek)
1980—James V. Andrews (Caldwell Memorial)
1981—Mrs. Sarah Rodgers (Plaza)

I. DIVISION OF ELDERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

A. Teaching Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and Examinations

James H. McKinnon, Jr., Chairman, 5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28210

Ministers:

1979—A. J. McKelway, Jr.
1979—Earle D. Roberts
1979—Lewis W. Bledsoe
1980—L. P. Gwaltney, III
1980—Margaret B. Peery
1980—Harry W. Philips
1981—W. A. Dysard, Jr.
1981—Fred R. McAlister, Jr.
1981—James H. McKinnon, Jr. (Chm.)

Elders:

1979—Beaumert Whitton (Myers Park)
1979—Mrs. John E. Butler (Amity)
1979—Reuben Tomberlin (Indian Trail)
1980—Raleigh Shoemaker (Selwyn Avenue)
1980—David Beers (Sharon)
1980—Yates Reep (Central Steele Creek)
1981—James P. Alexander, M.D. (Charlotte First)
1981—Miss Isabel Reid (Sardis)
1981—J. T. Springs (Benton Heights)

2. Commission on the Minister

Roy W. Coker, Chairman, Route 1, Pineville, N. C. 28134

Ministers:

1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1979—Roy W. Coker (Chm.)
1980—Glenn B. Robinson
1980—G. Carswell Hughs
1981—Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.
1981—Richard P. Shaw

Elders:

1979—Brice Gettys (Monroe First)
1979—Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek)
1980—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)
1980—Mrs. Fannie Caldwell (Covenant)
1981—Roger Felker (East)
1981—James R. Nisbet (Carmel)

B. Ruling Elder Section

1. Pre-Ordination and In-Service Training

Leighton B. McKeithen, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers:

1979—M. A. Cochrane, Jr.
1980—Wilbur G. Maxwell
1981—Leighton B. McKeithen (Chm.)

Elders:

1979—Richard Givens (Albemarle Road)
1980—Bennie Cross (Huntersville)
1981—Mrs. Dorothy Fesperman (Plaza)

II. DIVISION OF THE MISSION OF PRESBYTERY

A. Strengthening The Church Section

1. Evaluation and Review

Russell M. Kerr, Chairman, Mint Hill Station, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Ministers:

1979—Russell M. Kerr (Chm.)
1980—Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.
1981—F. Clyde Pratt

Lay Members:

1979—Paul Bell (Trinity)
1980—Donald Harris (South Tryon)
1981—Robert K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)

2. Christian Education

John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman, Box 313, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Church Professionals:

1979—G. Wallace Johnson
1979—Kenneth Woodard
1980—Mrs. Elaine Barnett
1930—Fred R. Horner
1980—Mrs. Carlita Hunter
1980—Mrs. Anne McQuiston
1980—John A. Wilkerson, Jr. (Chm.)
1981—Ms. Anne Vickers
1981—Emanuel E. Washington

Lay Members:

1979—James Martin (Albemarle First)
1979—Mrs. Betty Houston (Sharon)
1979—Mrs. Frances Irwin (St. Andrews)
1980—Mrs. Philip Lambert (Third)
1980—Mrs. Karen Massey (Indian Trail)
1980—Ms. Allison Rosser (Sardis)
1981—Mrs. Thelma Cochran (Mallard Creek)
1981—C. Frank Mansfield (Covenant)
1981—Ms. Catherine L. McMillan (Selwyn Avenue)

B. Evangelizing The World

1. Institutional Ministries

Lawrence K. Boggs, M. D., Chairman, 2208 Wellesley Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28207

Ministers:

1979—J. Craig Butler
1980—Albert G. Peery, Jr.
1981—Robert E. Smith, Jr.

Lay Members:

1979—Mark Tinkham (Huntersville)
1980—Lawrence K. Boggs, M. D. (Covenant) (Chm.)
1981—Dean W. Colvard (Covenant)

2. Planning

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers:

1979—H. Louis Patrick
1979—Robert S. Hough
1980—D. W. Oldenburg (Chm.)
1980—Robert E. Burnett
1981—Fred C. Holder
1981—Thomas L. Shields, III

Lay Members:

1979—W. D. Poteat (Newell)
1979—M. E. Yandle (Steele Creek)
1980—Mrs. Ray Plummer (Charlotte First)
1980—A. F. "Pete" Sloan (Carmel)
1981—Gene Cathey (Sardis)
1981—Robert J. Ashmore (Huntersville)

3. Church Assistance

John A. Haley, Chairman, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers:

1979—James H. Sell, Jr.
1979—John A. Haley (Chm.)
1980—Robert Benson
1980—Jennings B. Reid
1981—William M. Edwards, II
1981—

Lay Members:

1979—Jack Cathey (Third)
1979—Blair Cathey (Paw Creek)
1980—H. Brian Cheyne (Forest Hill)
1980—Mark Snoddy (Charlotte First)
1981—Mrs. Odell Councilman (Steele Creek)
1981—Mrs. Thad Biggers (Indian Trail)

4. Specialized Ministry

Mrs. R. A. Bigger, Jr., Chairperson, 3813 Fellsway Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28211

Ministers:

1979—Neil C. Leach
1979—Vernon H. Dodd
1980—J. A. Beard
1980—Charles Norwood
1981—J. W. Ligon
1981—H. Howard Smith

Lay Members:

1979—Don Haas (First Union)
1979—D. G. Martin (Seigle Avenue)
1980—Mrs. Ray Waltman (Philadelphia)
1980—Mrs. R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park) (Chairperson)
1981—Mrs. Ira Schmidt (Selwyn Avenue)
1981—Don Rogers (Quail Hollow)

5. International Missions

George Hunter, Chairman, Box 705, Badin, N. C. 28009

Ministers:

1979—George Hunter (Chm.)
1980—Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
1981—French B. O'Shields, Jr.

Lay Members:

1979—Glenn Cathey (Paw Creek)
1980—James J. Kennedy (Forest Hill)
1981—Frances Byrum (Steele Creek)

III. DIVISION OF COURT OPERATIONS

A. Administration Section

1. Personnel

Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Chairman, 4019 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers:	**Lay Members:**
1979—	1979—J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville)
1979—Edward C. Wilson	1979—Larry Baucom (Locust)
1980—Fred R. McAlister, Jr., (Chm.)	1980—Ray A. Killian (Myers Park)
1980—J. Craig Butler	1980—Mack P. Brown (Steele Creek)
1981—L. P. Gwaltney, III	1981—Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)
1981—M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	1981—Mrs. Betty Clark (Sardis)

2. Court Meetings

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman, 1029 Sewickley Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28209

Ministers:	**Lay Members:**
1979—Marcus B. Prince, III	1979—Bobby Overcash (Calvary)
1980—C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. (Chm.)	1980—Malcolm Lester (Davidson College)
1981—Charles Kirkpatrick	1981—Harry McConnell (Mulberry)

B. Theology Section

1. Interpretation

Warner L. Hall, Chairman, 1211 Commerce Building, Charlotte, N. C. 28202

Ministers:	**Lay Members:**
1979—Earl R. MacCormac	1979—J. Price Robinson (Albemarle Road)
1980—Warner L. Hall (Chm.)	1980—Mrs. James C. Helms, Jr. (Philadelphia)
1981—Warren G. Nance	1981—Jean Floyd (Covenant)

2. Worship

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman, 1727 Flynnwood Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Ministers:	**Lay Members:**
1979—Robert O. Freeman (Chm.)	1979—John E. W. Clark (Philadelphia)
1980—Robert S. Maclin, III	1980—Earl Berg (Charlotte First)
1981—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	1981—Mary Ward (Hawley Memorial)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, The Presbyterian Home of Charlotte, Inc.

1979—G. Carswell Hughs
1980—Mrs. Douglas MacGregor (Sharon)
1980—Charles L. Kirby
1981—W. C. Matthews, M. D. (Myers Park)

Mecklenburg Presbytery's Representatives on Board of Directors, Presbyterian Family Life Center

1979—Charles L. Kirby
1980—Lawrence Calhoun, Jr. (Covenant)
1981—Robert J. James
1981—Richard S. Felkner, M. D. (Trinity)

Haiti Development Commission

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Ministers:

1979—Douglas W. Oldenburg (Chm.)
1979—J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.
1980—James H. McKinnon, Jr.
1981—T. W. Tucker

Ruling Elders:

1979—Mrs. Hugh D. Verner (Myers Park)
1979—T. LaFontine Odom (Pleasant Hill)
1980—Mrs. Henry Harkey (Myers Park)
1980—Sam Ryburn (Covenant)
1981—Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
1981—William C. Sugg, Jr., M. D. (Covenant)

Advisory Members:

1979—Harold Hope, M. D. (Charlotte First)
1980—William M. Edwards, II
1981—Paul Brown (Steele Creek)

Task Force on Women in Church and Society

Fred C. Holder, Chairman, 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Wilbur Rush Otey, III, G. Carswell Hughs, Miss Summers Tarlton (Seigle Avenue), Mrs. Sue Kornegay (Charlotte First), Mrs. JoAnn Parker (Covenant), Mrs. Virginia Jones (Philadelphia), Miss Ann Holder (Amity), Mrs. Betty Clark (Westminster).

Task Force on Counseling

Douglas W. Oldenburg, Chairman, 1000 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28204

Mrs. Lillian McAlister (Third), Mrs. Ann Smoak (Trinity), David E. Wilkinson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Russell M. Kerr

Women of the Church President

Mrs. Philip Godfrey, Route 10—Box 460S, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Men of the Church President

Joe McCrorey, 6700 Farmingdale Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

Presbyterian Ministers Association President

Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Paw Creek, N. C. 28130

Sub-Committee on Records of Evaluation and Review Committee

E. B. Cooper, J. S. Garner, F. S. Jones, J. Cecil Lawrence, T. W. MacLean, A. Leslie Thompson, M. B. Prince, Jr.

Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
Q. N. Huneycutt, H.R.	6-26-21	
M. B. Prince, Jr. H.R.	6-16-29	
Charles E.S. Kraemer, H.R.	11-26-45	
Warner L. Hall	4-16-46	Presbyterian Foundation
Thomas W. MacLean, H.R.	4-16-46	
David E. Wilkinson	7-17-51	Hospital Chaplain
E. B. Cooper, H.R.	7-17-51	
Russell M. Kerr	7-15-52	Philadelphia
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	7-19-52	Cornelius, Bethel
J. S. Garner, H.R.	1-20-53	
W. G. Workman, H.R.	4-21-53	
Fred C. Holder	7-11-54	Amity
Malcolm R. Williamson, H.R.	1-18-55	
T. Duke Williams, H.R.	4-12-55	
Leighton S. Ford	4-12-55	Evangelist
M. A. Cochrane, Jr.	6-15-56	Amay James
Frank S. Jones, H.R.	3-5-57	
Harry H. Bryan, H.R.	4-16-57	
J. Cecil Lawrence, H.R.	11-5-57	
John R. Cunningham, H.R.	4-21-59	
Angus G. McInnis, H.R.	7-21-59	
Daniel L. Durway	9-15-59	
David G. Boyce	9-20-60	Chaplain
Glenn B. Robinson	1-24-61	Director Alexander Children's Center
H. Louis Patrick	1-22-63	Trinity
Leonard W. Topping, H.R.	4-16-63	
J. Arthur Beard, H.R.	7-16-63	
Charles Betts Huntley	7-23-61	Foreign Missionary
William D. Morton	7-21-64	Waxhaw
Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., H. R.	10-20-64	
Thomas C. Bryan, H.R.	1-26-65	
Paul W. Beazley	7-19-65	Graduate Student
Paul A. Horne	7-20-65	Johnston Memorial
A. Merrell Keith, H.R.	10-19-65	
J. Daniel Zeluff	10-19-65	Interpreter's House
F. B. O'Shields, Jr.	7-19-66	St. Giles
A. Rudolph Hendricks	10-18-66	South Tryon
Robert J. James	10-18-66	General Presbyter—Stated Clerk
Fred R. McAlister, Jr.	10-18-66	Third
A. Leslie Thompson, H.R.	10-18-66	
Frank H. Caldwell, H.R.	7-18-67	

Roll of Ministers	**Date Received**	**Church**
Kenneth P. Craig	7-18-67	Mallard Creek
Neely McCarter	7-18-67	Professor, U.T.S.
Henry S. Robinson, H.R.	10-17-67	
John E. Smylie	10-17-67	
Edward C. Wilson	1-23-68	Indian Trail
Robert W. Rayburn, H.R.	1-23-68	
J. E. Wayland, Sr., H.R.	7-16-68	
James S. Mann, H.R.	7-28-68	
Neil C. Leach	1-28-69	Executive Director, Planned Parenthood
Robert S. Maclin, III	1-28-69	Bethlehem
W. B. H. Corkey, H.R.	4-15-69	
Roy W. Coker	4-15-69	Pleasant Hill
William A. Dysard, Jr.	7-15-69	Mulberry
James E. Ratchford, H.R.	7-15-69	
C. Franklin Jacks	7-15-69	
Raeford Rodney Love	7-27-69	Graduate School
Marcus B. Prince, III	10-20-69	Quail Hollow
T. W. Tucker	10-20-69	Sardis
T. J. Nash, III	10-20-69	
F. A. Mathes, H.R.	12-9-69	
Charles L. Kirby	2-24-70	Caldwell Memorial
Glenn L. Hill	2-24-70	Ramah
Robert S. Hough	11-24-70	East
A. J. McKelway, Jr.	11-24-70	Professor
T. A. Little, Jr.	11-24-70	
Fred R. McAlister, Sr., H.R.	2-23-71	
Charles C. Cowsert	2-23-71	Executive Secretary, Board of Annuities and Relief
Robert O. Freeman	5-25-71	
W. M. Boyce, H.R.	9-28-71	
Jennings B. Reid	9-28-71	Hickory Grove
Richard P. Shaw	9-28-71	Albemarle Road
Earl R. MacCormac	11-16-71	Professor
Douglas W. Oldenburg	2-22-72	Covenant
J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.	2-22-72	Albemarle First
Robert L. Morgan, Jr.	2-22-72	Seigle Avenue
Lewis W. Bledsoe	2-22-72	Steele Creek
Robert C. Benson	5-23-72	Beulah-Lee Park
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.	9-26-72	Wadesboro
Lawrence I. Stell, H.R.	9-26-72	
G. Carswell Hughs	9-26-72	Charlotte First
William B. Ward, H. R.	11-28-72	
Robert E. Burnett	2-27-73	Williams Memorial
R. Zach Thomas, III	2-27-73	
William M. Edwards, II	5-22-73	Monroe First

Roll of Ministers	Date Received	Church
Julius W. Melton, Jr.	5-22-73	Admin. Davidson College
Wilbur Rush Otey, III	6-24-73	Davidson College (Associate)
Earle D. Roberts	9-25-73	Covenant (Associate)
W. G. Katibah, Jr.	9-25-73	Forest Hill
Finley M. Grissett, Jr.	9-25-73	McQuay
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	9-25-73	Paw Creek
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	9-25-73	Plaza
E. E. Washington	9-25-73	Smallwood
Fred R. Horner	11-27-73	Covenant (Associate)
J W. Ligon	2-26-74	Carmel
W. G. Nance	2-26-74	Matthews
John R. MacKinnon, H.R.	5-28-74	
Charles D. Elyea, Jr.	5-28-74	Walkersville
R. E. Smith, Jr.	9-24-74	Sardis (Associate)
Neil M. McMillan	9-24-74	Selwyn Avenue
Vernon H. Dodd	10-13-74	Siler
Kenneth Woodard	11-19-74	Newell
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.	11-19-74	Sharon
W. L. Kline, Jr.	2-25-75	Memorial
John R. Crawford	2-25-75	Professor
G. Wallace Johnson	2-25-75	Providence
Mrs. Margaret B. Peery	4-6-75	Myers Park (Associate)
W. Chester Keller, H.R.	5-27-75	
George H. V. Hunter	5-27-75	Badin
Thomas K. Reinowski,	6-22-75	Selwyn Avenue (Associate)
J. Craig Butler	6-29-75	Benton Heights
H. Howard Smith	9-23-75	Robinson
Carl R. Pritchett, H.R.	9-23-75	
J. A. Wilkerson, Jr.	11-18-75	Huntersville
J. R. Taylor	2-24-76	Myers Park
J. H. Sell, Jr.	2-24-76	St. John
Jeff T. Kesterson	2-24-76	Thomasboro
Wilbur G. Maxwell	5-25-76	Pageland-Salem
Leroy P. Gwaltney, III	5-25-76	Albemarle First (Associate)
Albert G. Peery, Jr.	5-25-76	Myers Park (Associate)
Harry W. Philips	5-25-76	Westminster
John A. Haley, Jr.	5-25-76	Avondale
Ralph E. Dennison, Jr.	6-27-76	Third (Associate)
Charles A. Norwood	9-28-76	St. Andrews
R. J. McMullen, Jr.	2-22-77	Sugaw Creek
Charles E. Kirkpatrick	9-27-77	Locust
F. Clyde Pratt, H.R.	9-27-77	
Charles Timothy Carriker	10-2-77	Evangelist
Thomas L. Shields, III	10-16-77	Ridgecrest
Robert E. Johnston	11-15-77	Executive Director, Presbyterian Family Life Center
Fred R. Stair,	2-28-78,	President, Union Seminary, Richmond
J. Arthur Sanders, H.R.	2-28-78	
Leighton B. McKeithen,	5-23-78	Covenant (Associate)
Mrs. Frances Phillips,	9-26-78	Chaplain, UNC-Charlotte
Billy S. Howell,	9-26-78	First Union
Donald K. Welsh,	9-26-78	
Malcolm Bullock	9-26-78	Hopewell
Thomas P. Borland,	10-1-78	Charlotte First (Associate)
R. Proctor Chambless, Jr.,	10-8-78	Myers Park (Associate)
R. E. Cogswell,	11-14-78	Steele Creek (Associate)
Total Ministers		**140**

ROLL OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Eleanor Huske Alexander, Union Seminary, Charlotte First Church

Sidney Franklin Batts, Princeton Seminary, Third Church

Randall Bulette Boggs, Union Seminary, Covenant Church

Jane Flowe Brawley, Agnes Scott College, Robinson Church

Richard Donald Carriker, Princeton Seminary, Sardis Church

Robert Andrew Cathey, Davidson College, Third Church

Marcus Graham Coker, Columbia Seminary, Pleasant Hill Church

Frederick Alvin Herbert Coates, Union Seminary, St. Andrews Church

Fred Craven Douglas, Appalachian State University, Huntersville Church

Robert Curtis Fussell, III, Louisville Seminary, Sardis Church

James McIntyre Glasgow, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Trinity Church

William Lawrence Lindner, Jr., Davidson College, St. Giles Church

Ronald Ray Nichols, Louisville Seminary, Plaza Church

Wilma Jean Reichard, University of Pennsylvania, Amity Church

Martha Elaine Rhodes, Union Seminary, Davidson College Church

Joan Starnes, Columbia Seminary, Turner Church

David Harold Sutton, Union Seminary, Albemarle First Church

John Haywood Williams, Jr., Columbia Seminary, Charlotte First Church

William Kenneth Wilson, III, Pfeiffer College, Albemarle First Church

Lewis Williams, Davidson College, St. Giles Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Albemarle Road	Jessica Layman
Avondale	Betty Eudy
Charlotte, First	Eubank Taylor
Cook's Memorial	Jeanie Ogilvie
Covenant	Jean Floyd
Davidson College	Anne McQuiston
Forest Hill	Caroline White
Hickory Grove	Betty Staples
Hopewell	Mary Garmon
Mallard Creek	Carlita Hunter
Monroe, First	Elaine Barnett
Myers Park	Betty Ruth Wilkerson
Paw Creek	Helen Loyd
Philadelphia	Nancy D. Collins
Plaza	Ruth Farrior
Sardis	Anne Vickers
Seigle Avenue	Mary Carol Michie
Steele Creek	Ellen Coble
Sugaw Creek	Patricia Hatcher
Thomasboro	Sarah K. Wilson
Trinity	Deborah Kitting

The Twenty-Seventh Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Davidson, North Carolina
September 26, 1978

The Presbytery convened on the above date in the Bethel Presbyterian Church at 9:00 A. M.

The Opening Worship was conducted by Robert O. Freeman. The message was brought by the Retiring Moderator, Billy G. McCall, and his topic was "The Parable of the Onion", based on Matthew 16:24-26.

The service included Memorials to the Reverend John A. Luddy, Jr., and the Reverend Roy F. Whitley prepared and read by Fred R. McAlister, Jr., and William M. Edwards, II. The Memorial Prayer was offered by Russell M. Kerr. The Memorials were adopted and admitted to record.

MEMORIAL TO THE REVEREND JOHN AUBREY LUDDY

John Luddy walked among us as friend, father, husband, and fellow-laborer in the Master's vineyard. In each of these roles John invested unselfishly of his considerable talents, and gave completely of his great heart of love. In each of these roles he distinguished himself in a unique way by bringing to bear upon each immediate situation a personalized application of those things that were good, helpful, loving, and kind.

John's decision to enter the Gospel ministry was made in his mature years after having served the church in many capacities as a dedicated layperson. He could speak lovingly from the pulpit to those in the pews for he had struggled with them to reconcile the claims of Christ and the demands of the secular world. He could encourage his parishioners to persevere in the faith for he himself had successfully done so. He could speak confidently and affirmatively when he declared that Christ is Lord of all life, for John had found Him all sufficient on both sides of the sacred desk.

John preached the Gospel winsomely and effectively. He preached because he believed. He believed because he knew the Lord whom he preached. Countless hearts have been touched and helped along the road of faith by John's preaching. Countless souls have been lifted up, renewed, and encouraged by the words of truth that proceeded from the mouth of Christ's servant, John.

His compassion was like a never ending stream; nor was it ever restricted by time, distance or personal considerations. In his study, in parish homes, by sick beds during the long night hours, in casual encounters John said in word and deed, "God loves you, and I do too." Only the keeper of the book of life knows the number of those whose darkness has been turned into light by the tender ministries of John Luddy.

To be John's friend was to understand a unique dimension of the nature of friendship. He was able to shoulder the burdens and celebrate the joys of those who were his friends as though these burdens and joys were his own. He stood closer than a brother. His loyalty and constancy were sealed by a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. His life reflected in all things the pre-eminent friendship of the Best Friend.

John walked this way for nearly thirty years with his wife Allene. Together they built a home, raised a family, shared in the varied experiences of life . . . and together they proclaimed for all the world to know that where love is there is Christ. The Luddy home glowed with Christian love that bore the unique mark of a companionship that was forged on the anvil of active life. This love embraced their children Johnny and Pat, and spilled over into the homes and lives of an extended family that was not bounded by physical lines.

Those who mourn John's passing are myriad. And, thus it should be for one who had more than enough love for all who needed to be loved.

John served two churches, Salem in Atlanta Presbytery, and McGee in Mecklenburg. His mark upon these two Bodies of Christ can never be erased, nor would the strength of these two congregations be as vigorous today had John not heard and responded faithfully to the call of Christ to serve them.

John was a willing and able Presbyter . . . anxious to labor whenever the opportunity came. He applied his skills and knowledge and acquired new skills and knowledge as the situation required. He sought not to be served but to serve . . . both the church and the church's servants.

John bore his burdens quietly and uncomplainingly. His last illness was lengthy and painful, but even in suffering he gave glory to his Creator, honor to his Lord, and hope to those who sought to comfort him. In life and in death John Luddy witnesses a good confession.

Well done, good and faithful servant!

MEMORIAL TO

REVEREND ROY FAUCETTE WHITLEY, Th. D.

The Reverend Roy Faucette Whitley was born in Burlington, N. C. on January 18, 1903. His parents were John Riley Whitley and Emelia White Whitley. He lived seventy-five years, and died August 3, 1978 in Union Memorial Hospital, Monroe, N. C.

Dr. Whitley, as he was affectionately called, was reared in the town of his birth, and there attended Burlington High School. From Davidson College he received the B. A. degree in 1929. From Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. he earned the B. D. degree in 1932, the Th. M. degree in 1942, and the Th. D. degree in 1948.

From 1932 until 1945 Dr. Whitley served as Pastor of the Yanceyville group of Presbyterian Churches in Caswell County. During this ministry in Orange Presbytery he met and married Miss Barbara Schwarz of Danville, Va. on September 25, 1936. While serving in Caswell County he furnished leadership for the re-building of Bethesda Presbyterian Church which had burned to the ground. The Chapel of the new church was named in his honor. During this period, also, a new Educational Building was added to the Yanceyville Church.

In 1945 Dr. Whitley accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, N. C. and served that Church faithfully until his retirement in 1968. Under his quiet leadership the new Sanctuary in Monroe was built. During his twenty-three year service in Mecklenburg Presbytery he served as Moderator of the Presbytery as well as a member of various committees.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara, of Wingate, N. C.; his daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ann Hargett, also of Wingate; three brothers: the Reverend John Whitley of Eden, N. C., Thomas Whitley of Morven, N. C., W. W. Whitley of Arlington, Virginia; and two sisters, Miss Margaret Whitley and Mrs. John Ezell of Burlington, N. C.

Roy Whitley will be fondly remembered by all who knew him, for to know him was to love him. Throughout his life he was a winsome witness to his Lord, always maintaining a genuine compassion and concern for people. He was very interested in the Youth of the church community and was most effective in counseling and ministering to them. He was blessed with the art of listening. He went about the Lord's work wherever he served in a quiet and modest manner.

We are grateful to God for his life among us, and for those lives that were changed because of his gracious and loving witness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A quorum was declared present.

ENROLLMENT was taken and the following Teaching and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, W. M. Boyce, Harry H. Bryan, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, Frank H. Caldwell, C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., M. A. Cochrane, Jr., Roy W. Coker, W. B. H. Corkey, Charles C. Cowsert, Ken P. Craig, J. R. Crawford, Eugene L. Daniel, Jr., Ralph E. Dennison, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., R. O. Freeman, Robert Garment, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., Leroy P. Gwaltney, III, J. A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Paul A. Horne, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, G. Carswell Hughs, George H. V. Hunter, C. Frank Jacks, Robert J. James, Robert E. Johnston, Frank S. Jones, William G. Katibah, Jr., W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, Charles L. Kirby, Charles E. Kirkpatrick, W. L. Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, J. W. Ligon, T. A. Little, Jr., Robert S. Maclin, III, Earl R. MacCormac, Fred R. McAlister, Jr., James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neely D. McCarter, W. G. Maxwell, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., Leighton B. McKeithen, A. J. McKelway, Neil M. McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Roger P. Melton, Julius W. Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, W. D. Morton, Warren G. Nance, C. A. Norwood, Douglas W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., Albert G. Peery, Jr., Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., F. Clyde Pratt, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, J. E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, Henry S. Robinson, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, H. Howard Smith, R. E. Smith, Jr., John E. Smylie, Fred R. Stair, Jr., Lawrence I. Stell, J. Randolph Taylor, R. Zach Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, E. E. Washington, J. E. Wayland, Jr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., David E. Wilkinson, Edward C. Wilson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Joe P. Arnold, David G. Boyce, C. T. Carriker, D. L. Durway, C. B. Huntley, Paul W. Beazley, R. R. Love, T. J. Nash, III, Margaret B. Peery, D. E. Stroud, Leighton Ford.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: G. Wallace Johnson, N. C. Leach, W. R. Otey, III, H. Louis Patrick, H. E. Stoessel, Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Amity, Curtis Fincher; Albemarle Road, Wirt Neale, J. Price Robinson; Albemarle First, George Stovall, John Craig; Avondale, G. Douglas Aitken, Mrs. S. T. Favor; Badin, Don Beck; Banks, R. C. Kelley; W. H. Belk, Hester Shytle; Benton Heights, Doug Browning; Bethel, Wilson Knox; Bethlehem, Mrs. Frances H. Price; Caldwell Memorial, Mrs. Anne Bishop; Calvary, Jimmy White; Camden, Miss Lillian Currie; Carmel, Sam Woods; Central Steele Creek, Harold D. Pratt; Charlotte First, Henry P. Bridges, Jr., James A. White, Mrs. Vard Howell; Christ, John M. Fleming; Cook's Memorial, Glenn D. Hunt, Wilton A. Dunn; Cornelius, Robert Reid; Covenant, William L. Kinney, Bob Shaw, Mrs. Ruth Cobb, Mrs. Fannie Caldwell, Ken Warren; Davidson College, Robert Manning; East, Martha H. Gordon; First Union, Paul J. Caudle; Forest Hill, Ralph Duncan, James J. Kennedy; Hawley Memorial, Mary S. Ward; Hickory Grove, William M. Alexander; Hopewell, Howard S. White, George W. Alexander; Huntersville, Mike Dwyer; Indian Hill, Wilson Nance; Indian Trail, Martha C. Biggers; Johnston Memorial, Kenneth C. Smith; Locust, Larry Baucom; Mallard Creek, Alex S. Garrison, J. Mack Oehler; Marshville, Charles S. Boyce; Matthews, S. E. Welch, Jr.; Memorial, Tom McCorkle; McQuay, Ollie Burrage; Monroe First, Andy Boggs, Alida Armstrong; Morven, John N. Wall; Mulberry, Mrs. Linda Schrum; Myers Park, Irwin Belk, Mrs. Henry L. Harkey, Mrs. Hugh D. Verner, Douglas W. Booth; Newell, Mrs. Elizabeth Glenn; Norwood, Harry M. Beeker; Oakboro, Edith McLendon; Paw Creek, Calvin Todd, J. R. Wingate; Philadelphia, Mack Long, Fred O. Brown; Plaza, Dorothy Wingate, Edward Maag; Pleasant Hill, Robert K. Capps; Providence, Donald S. Kellam, M. D.; Quail Hollow, John Hawkins; Ridgecrest, A. Brown Harwood; Robinson, Melvin Batchatis; St. Andrews, H. Morrison Irwin, Jr.; St. Giles, Tip Johnson, Bruce Andrews; Sardis, Burl Burnham, Jim Sangster, Etta Anderson, R. K. Seals; Seigle Avenue, Mrs. Renee Palmer; Selwyn Avenue, J. L. Hasselden, Billie J. McFall; Siler, Ed Reid; Smallwood, Bobbie Q. Berry; South Tryon, Donald L. Harris; Steele Creek, B. G. McCall; Stephenson, Tommy Joe Haywood; Sugaw Creek, Paul Craig, C. L. Abernethy, Jr.; Third, Beth Lambert, Charles S. Armstrong; Thomasboro, Chester L. Rue; Trinity, Sarah Locke Blythe; Turner, George Simpson; Wadesboro First, Mrs. Charles Shelton; Walkersville, Mrs. Artie Norwood; Waxhaw, W. N. Davis; Westminster, J. L. Fulk, Jim Boone; Westover Hills, Frank R. Carson; Williams Memorial, W. T. McConnell.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Clanton Memorial.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Amay James, Bethany, Beulah, Lee Park, McGee, New Salem, Pageland, Ramah, Rehobeth, St. John, Salem, Sharon, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Jocelyn Hill, Carlita Hunter, Virginia Jones, Helen Loyd, Eleanor McNair, Anne McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Betty Staples, Sarah K. Wilson, Anne Vickers, Ruth Farrior, Ellen Coble.

The visitors were introduced and welcomed to this meeting of Presbytery. Ruling Elders attending a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were welcomed.

Marcus B. Prince, III, presented the Docket for the meeting, which was adopted.

THE DOCKET

9:00 A. M. 1. Opening Worship—Billy G. McCall, Retiring Moderator (with Memorials to The Reverend John A. Luddy, Jr. and The Reverend Roy W. Whitley)

9:40 A. M.	2.	Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visitors
	3.	Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—C. F. Jacks, Jr.
	4.	Election of Moderator (Charles L. Kirby, Moderator-Nominee)
	5.	Committee on Arrangements—J. E. Wayland, Jr.
	6.	Appointment of Standing Committees: 1. Bills and Overtures 2. Attendance 3. Tellers 4. Resolutions
	7.	Communications and New Business (referral to Committees)
10:10 A. M.	8.	Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (last order before Recess)
10:15 A. M.		RECESS (All New Business must be before the Court by the end of this recess.)
10:30 A. M.	9.	Brief Announcements
	10.	Report of First Union Administrative Commission—Glenn B. Robinson
	11.	Report of Presbytery's Council—Lewis W. Bledsoe a. Budget and Finance Report—J. R. Taylor b. Task Force on New Church Development—Randolph Norton
	12.	Report of Commission on the Minister—Roy W. Coker
11:45 A. M.	13.	Installation of Miss Jocelyn Hill as Presbytery's Associate for Christian Education (Special Order) Report of Christian Education Committee—Kenneth P. Craig
12:30 P. M.		LUNCH
1:30 P. M.	14.	Report of Personnel Committee—Lawrence I. Stell
	15.	Report of Commissioners to General Assembly—Robert J. James
	16.	Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations—J. H. McKinnon, Jr. a. Candidates for Care—Leonard Topping b. Sermons by Candidates for Ordination (Presbytery will divide to hear these)
3:00 P. M.		RECESS
3:15 P. M.	17.	(Con't.) c. Candidates for Ordination—A. J. McKelway, Jr. d. Ministerial Transfers—T. W. Tucker
	18.	Necessary Announcements
	19.	Unfinished Business (including Standing Committee Reports)
	20.	Commissions to be appointed
	21.	Reading and Adoption of Minutes
	22.	Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

The Host Pastor, J. E. Wayland, Jr., extended a cordial welcome to all those attending this meeting of Presbytery and presented a report for the Committee on Arrangements.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Standing Committees as follows:

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

Billy G. McCall (Steele Creek), Chairman
Mike Dwyer (Huntersville)
Mrs. Effie Favor (Avondale)
Robert S. Maclin
T. W. Tucker
Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
Emanuel Washington
Glenn Hunt (Cook's Memorial)
Tom McCorkle (Memorial)

TELLERS COMMITTEE

Robert J. Garment, Chairman
Thomas L. Shields, III
Tommy Joe Heywood (Stephenson)
Martha Biggers (Indian Trail)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Chairman
and members of Court Meetings
Committee present

The COMMUNICATIONS were presented by the Stated Clerk and action was taken as follows:

1. Certificates of Dismissal for:
   a. Donald K. Welsh, Presbytery of Southern Kansas, UPCUSA, Associate Pastor-Elect of Trinity Church.
   b. Billy S. Howell, Jr., Presbytery of South Louisiana, Pastor-Elect of First Union Church.
   c. Malcolm M. Bullock, now of Concord Presbytery and Mrs. Frances F. Phillips, now of Orange Presbytery, to be received pending the reception of their letters of dismissal from their respective presbyteries.
2. Certificates of Dismissal for Candidates:
   a. Thomas P. Borland from Suwannee Presbytery, Associate Minister elect of First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.
   b. R. Proctor Chambless, Jr. from Atlanta Presbytery, Associate Minister elect of Myers Park Church.
3. Minutes of Commission to install Leighton B. McKeithen, Jr. were found in order and admitted to record as follows:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR LEIGHTON BLACK McKEITHEN, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1978 AT 11:00 A. M.

The Commission met on May 28, 1978 at 11 o'clock A. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Robert J. James, Chairman, Fred R. Horner, Douglas W. Oldenburg. **RULING ELDERS:** A. Ward McKeithen, Mrs. India McCachren and Ernest B. Hunter, Jr.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Fred R. Horner read the Scipture and Mrs. India McCachren had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Douglas W. Oldenburg on the topic/text: "Religion and Health"—II Timothy 1:7.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Associate Pastor, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Covenant Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Leighton Black McKeithen, Jr. had been regularly elected, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by A. Ward McKeithen.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Ernest B. Hunter, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. India McCachren.

Ernest B. Hunter, Jr.
Secretary

The report of the First Union Administrative Commission was presented by the Chairman, Glenn B. Robinson. The report was admitted to record.

On May 25, 1976, Mecklenburg Presbytery appointed an Administrative Commission to investigate and resolve difficulties which had arisen in the First Union Presbyterian Church, and now believing the cooperation of all parties has led to a sense of cooperation and acceptance within the Church and Presbytery, I, therefore, request Presbytery at its 27th stated meeting to dissolve the Administrative Commission. That further the members and officers of First Union Presbyterian Church be commended for their cooperation with the

Administrative Commission, and that the minutes of the Commission be filed with the Stated Clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Glenn B. Robinson, Chairman
W. M. Boyce
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
A. Rudolph Hendricks
E. L. Daniel, Jr.
Mrs. Buford C. Baucom
Mrs. Henry L. Harkey
Forney E. Michael
T. LaFontine Odom

The report of the Commissioners to the 1978 General Assembly was presented by Robert J. James, and received as information. The Commissioners were commended for their diligence.

1978 COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ministers	**Ruling Elders**
Robert J. James	Thomas N. Massey, Jr., M. D.
Jeff K. Aiken	Mrs. E. G. Cochrane
Glenn B. Robinson	J. C. Barnhardt
Fred C. Holder	Miss Isabel Reid
Robert E. Burnett	Larry M. Baucom
J. E. Wayland, Jr.	Curtis J. Parker, Sr.
Earle D. Roberts	Mrs. Charles H. Sheldon

Seminary Representative: Jane Flowe Brawley (Robinson Church)
Youth Delegate: Catherine Louise McMillan (Selwyn Avenue Church)

Richard P. Shaw was elected Moderator-in-Nomination for the November, 1978 Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 10:15 A. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 10:30 A. M.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by the Chairman, Lewis W. Bledsoe. This presentation included the Budget and Finance Report, which was made by J. R. Taylor, and the report of the Task Force on New Church Development by Randolph Norton.

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Adopted Personnel Policies for Administrative Personnel for Mecklenburg Presbytery covering employment policies and benefits.
2. Adopted a Position Description of the Manager of Mecklenburg Presbytery Christian Education Center. (To be included in Presbytery's **MANUAL)**
3. Adopted a Statement of Policy Regarding Use of Mecklenburg Presbytery Center.
4. Received a report from Mrs. Etta Anderson, a member of the General Assembly Mission Board from Mecklenburg Presbytery, regarding their work and plans to have her meet with Council following each Board meeting.
5. Made plans for an Open House at Mecklenburg Presbytery Center for September 24, 2:30 until 8:00 P.M.
6. Has undertaken a plan by which to respond to the 117th General Assembly action regarding studying the roles and relations of the Middle Judicatories.
7. Was informed of the Overture from Concord Presbytery regarding a joint investigation of the possibility of joint ownership, programming and operation of camp facilities, and encourages that the overture be answered in the affirmative.
8. Final completion of the move into the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center has been accomplished and we report the fol-

lowing costs: (A few dollars are yet to be credited, but will be within the budget limit. An itemized listing of costs is available from Presbytery Office.)

A. Renovation costs—Queens College Expense		$27,787.81*
B. Renovation costs—Presbytery Expense		11,681.08
C. Miscellaneous costs—Presbytery Expense		1,952.66
D. Furniture and Equipment—Presbytery Expense		
(1) For Christian Education	1,080.42	
(2) Printing Equipment/Furniture	16,598.70	17,679.12
TOTAL		$59,100.67

*Amortized Cost to be recovered		$27,787.81
LESS: May, June & July @ $271.11		813.33
Net Cost to be recovered over 87 months of lease		$26,974.48
Monthly Lease Cost:	$1,132.17	
LESS: Monthly Amortization (86)	310.05	
(One month @ $310.18)	$ 822.12	

9. Received a report from the New Church Development Task Force regarding their intentions to propose purchase of a tract of land on Rea Road at Swan Run Road, and concurs in their recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following resolution to Bethel Presbyterian Church be adopted.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God there emerged around 1828 a serious yearning for a Christian Church of Presbyterian faith in the Bethel community of northern Mecklenburg County, and

WHEREAS, it was resolved to organize a church which Presbyterians of the community could easily attend and where women and children would be assured church privileges, and

WHEREAS, an initial sanctuary was built in 1830, with a subsequent one erected in 1895, in which persons could join as the people of God in worship, and

WHEREAS, God has richly blessed this arm of the body of Christ, the Church, over the years through membership outreach and nurture, missionary service and support, partnership in the work of Mecklenburg Presbytery and the other courts of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the wider community of the Church universal, and

WHEREAS, God has called to shepherd this flock some forty ministers of the Word as pastors or supply pastors and through them has brought the Good News of the Gospel with power;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Mecklenburg Presbytery, meeting September 26, 1978, at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Davidson, North Carolina, joins in giving thanks to Almighty God and in celebrating the one hundred and fifty years of worship and work through the Bethel Presbyterian Church, and extends to the members, officers and pastor our sense of covenantal partnership, pride of achievement and affirmation about the continuity of this congregation. May God's richest blessing undergird all your years.

2. That the Overture from Concord Presbytery regarding a joint investigation of the possibility of joint ownership, programming and operation of camp facilities be approved and that Jocelyn Hill, John Wilkerson, Bob Smith and Dick Ranson be appointed to represent Mecklenburg Presbytery, with the instruction that this joint committee present findings and recommendations by June, 1979.
3. That the Presbytery hear the report of J. Randolph Taylor, and that the Proposed Unified Budget, submitted herewith, be adopted for 1979 as a Challenge Budget.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
UNIFIED BUDGET

	1979			1978		
ANTICIPATED INCOME						
From Churches via Challenge		$1,181,442			$1,113,592	
From Interest on Restricted Funds						
(1) Charles Boyd Estate (For Church Assistance)	$ 3,400			$ 3,200		
(2) Camp Stewart Fund (For Christian Education)	5,200			5,000		
(3) Samuel P. Alexander Fund (For Pre-Ordination & Examination)	500			425		
(4) Mrs. S. B. Alexander Trust Fund (For Administration & Support)	6,800	15,900		6,000	14,625	
From Interest on Passbook Savings Account & N. C. Sales Tax Refund		6,300				
From First Union National Bank Passbook Savings Account		3,800				
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME		$1,207,442			$1,128,217	
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS						
I. **Sharing/Benevolence Dollars**						
A. General Assembly Mission Board						
1. Assessment @ $1.30 (33,559)	$ 43,627			$ 35,626		
2. Budgeted Benevolences	410,000			391,400		
3. Challenge—2nd Mile Missionary Salary Support	46,387	$ 500,014	41.4%	46,387	$ 473,413	41.6%
B. Synod of North Carolina						
1. Assessment @ $.60 (33,559)	$ 20,135			$ 18,661		
2. Budgeted Benevolences	313,000	333,135	27.6%	298,100	316,761	27.9%

	1979	1978
II. Program/Benevolence Dollars		
A. Presbytery of Mecklenburg		
1. Commission on the Minister		
a. Operating Expenses	$ 1,500	
b. Discretionary Fund	2,000	
	$ 3,500	$ 3,500
2. Presbytery Council		
a. Operating Expense	$ 500	
b. Contingency Fund (Resource for all Committees)	12,000	
c. Insurance	2,000	
d. Taxes	1,500	
e. Stewardship Promotion	1,000	
f. Mecklenburg Presbyterian	8,200	
	$ 25,200	28,000
3. Court Meetings		
a. Taping Meetings	$ 200	
b. Upkeep of Equipment & Supplies	75	
	$ 275	275
4. Church Assistance		
a. Sustentation to Churches	$ 64,432	
b. Salary Adjustments	9,080	
c. Emergency Services	5,000	
	$ 78,512	94,700
5. Institutional Ministries		
a. Christian Fellowship for Nurses	$ 330	
b. Prison Ministry	1,200	
c. ECO	600	
d. Supplies & Materials	800	
	$ 2,930	2,930

	1979	1978
6. Christian Education		
a. Committee Expenses		
(1) Retreat	$ 150	
(2) Meetings	300	
	$ 450	
b. Leadership Sub-Committee		
(1) Vacation Church School Workshop	$ 400	
(2) Cluster Mobile Teacher Training Units	1,000	
(3) Resource Development	1,000	
(4) Special Workshops	1,000	
	$ 3,400	$ 2,500
c. Resourcing Sub-Committee		
(1) Christian Education Center	$ 1,500	
(2) CE:SA	1,000	
(3) Communications Network	500	
(4) Mini Workshops (4)	1,000	
	$ 4,000	3,875
d. Camping/Guidance/Youth Sub-Committee		
(1) Concord Presbytery (Camp Subsidy)	$ 11,000	
(2) Scholarships (Camping)	500	
(3) Guidance/College Day	100	
(4) Youth Ministry/Youth Advisory Workshops	1,450	
(5) OCM: Travel-Meals	550	
(6) Publicity & Postage (Camp)	100	
(7) Publicity & Postage (Youth Council)	150	
(8) Meals/Youth Advisory	200	
(9) Telephone	50	
	$ 14,100	15,600
Sub-Total	$ 21.950	$ 21,975

	1979	1978
7. Pre-Ordination & Examinations		
a. Operating Expenses	$ 750	
b. Testing-Guidance Center	500	
c. Loans	15,374	
d. Annual Christmas Dinner	200	
	$ 16,824	$ 15,750
8. Pre-Ordination & In-Service Training		
a. Workshops in Church Officer Development		$ 400
9. Specialized Ministry		
a. Operating Expenses	$ 100	
b. Evangelism	1,500	
c. Day Care Centers South Tryon $4,000 Double Oaks 8,500	12,500	
d. Alexander Children's Center	4,000	
e. School of the Arts	525	
f. Seigle Ave. Church Ministry	32,600	
g. Dilworth Community Ministry	500	
h. Crisis Assistance Ministry	3,850	
i. Special Project-Day Care Enrichment	2,000	
	$ 57,575	$ 29,600
10. Planning		
a. Operating Expense	$ 300	
b. Conferences, Retreats & Special Projects	900	
c. Part Time Consultant—Expenses & Fees	3,200	
	$ 4,400	$ 4,400

	1979			1978		
11. International Missions						
a. Operating Expenses	$ 200					
b. Montreat Conference (Chairman)	175					
c. Montreat Conference (Youth)	1,000					
d. Promotion of Workshops	500					
	$ 1,875			1,500		
12. Task Force on Counseling						
a. Presbyterian Family Life Center	$10,000					
b. Others on Referral	2,000					
	$ 12,000			12,000		
13. Worship Committee						
a. Operating Expenses	$ 75					
b. Montreat Conference—Scholarships	360					
c. Presbytery Workshops	300					
	$ 735			600		
14. Personnel Committee						
a. Operating Expenses	$ 100			100		
Total—Presbytery Program/ Benevolence Dollars		$ 225,876	18.7%		$ 215,730	18.9%
III. Administration/Support Dollars						
A. Staff Salaries & Related Benefits		121,203			$ 110,902	
B. Presbytery Center-Office Expenses		11,050			$ 11,225	
C. Presbytery Center-Maintenance & Operating Expenses		16,164			$ 10,186	
(Details Attached for A, B, & C)						
		$ 148,417	12.3%		$ 132,313	11.6%
TOTAL ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS		$1,207,442			$1,138,217	

COMPARISON—1978 vs. 1979 Budgets

The increase for 1979 of $67,850 (6.1%) has been approved by the Budget Committee and the Council of Presbytery on the following basis:

1. Using the 1977 Per Capita Budgeted Benevolence average giving record of $27.60, we have arrived at the following formula:
   a. 19 Churches who gave above the average of $27.60 would be challenged to increase their total giving by 6.1%.
   b. 22 Churches who gave from $20.00 to $27.59 would be challenged to increase their total giving by 11.0%.
   c. 28 Churches who gave from $10.00 to $19.99 would be challenged to increase their total giving by 16.4%.
   d. 19 Churches who gave from $.00 to $9.99 would be challenged to increase their total giving by 23.0%.
2. These percentages applied to the 1978 Challenge Budget (Accepted) plus the Business Fund Assessment would produce the necessary $1,181,442 in the Proposed Budget. If all the Churches do not accept the proposed Challenge, then we would have a shortfall of funds to be made up from Supplemental Offerings. The shortfall in the 1978 Budget is $41,251 per the report submitted to Presbytery in February. It is anticipated that this balance will be made up by the end of the year based on current projections of income.
3. In preparing the above percentage challenges, consideration was given to the Churches who have performed above average and yet it is from these churches that a larger percentage of the dollar increase must be anticipated.
4. However, it is hoped that those Churches which are below the average will accept the Challenge concept and increase their share of the Budgeted Benevolences for 1979.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT DOLLARS—PRESBYTERY

	1978		1979	
A. STAFF SALARIES, BENEFITS & RELATED EXPENSES (See Attached List)		$110,902		$121,2
B. OFFICE EXPENSES				
1. Postage	$ 1,500		$ 1,800	
2. Telephone	2,000		2,000	
3. Stationery & Supplies	3,500		3,800	
4. Presbytery Minutes (Printing)	2,700		2,700	
5. Parking	700		—	
6. Assistant Clerk	250		250	
7. Auditing Expense	575		500	
Sub-Total	$11,225		$11,050	
C. MAINTENANCE & OPERATING EXPENSES				
1. Lease Amortization	$ 6,694		$10,054	
2. Electricity	1,182		1,800	
3. Gas	600		1,500	
4. Water & Sewage	96		180	
5. Cleaning—Inside	522		950	
FICA Taxes	32		60	
6. Outside Maintenance	100		200	
7. Maintenance Supplies	368		500	
8. Coca Cola Machine	70		120	
9. Equipment Repairs & Service Contracts	522		800	
Sub-Total	$10,186		$16,164	
		21,411		27,2
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPPORT DOLLARS—PRESBYTERY		$132,313		$148,4

A. STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS	**1978**		**1979**	
1. General Presbyter				
Salary	$16,098		$17,000	
Housing	5,100		5,600	
Utilities	1,200		1,500	
Furnishings	500		500	
	22,898		24,600	
Reimbursed Expenses:				
Travel Allowance	3,000		3,000	
Study Allowance	250		300	
	3,250		3,300	
Other Benefits				
Ministers Annuity	3,186		3,312	
FICA Tax (1/2)	652		928	
Major Medical	676		834	
	4,514		5,074	
Total		$ 30,662		$ 32,9
2. Presbytery Associate, Christian Education				
Salary	12,500		12,500	
Housing	4,000		4,000	
	16,500		16,500	
Reimbursed Expenses:				
Travel Allowance	2,000		2,000	
Study Allowance	300		300	
	2,300		2,300	

		1978		1979
Other Benefits:				
Annuity	2,220		2,220	
FICA Tax	1,119		1,134	
Major Medical	315		315	
	3,654		3,669	
Total		$ 22,454		$ 22,469
3. Manager, Christian Education Center				
Salary	9,900		10,650	
Reimbursed Expense:				
Travel Expense	—		500	
Other Benefits:				
Annuity	1,188		1,278	
FICA Tax	579		653	
Major Medical	256		315	
	2,023		2,246	
Total		$ 11,923		$ 13,396
4. Central Treasurer & Finance Officer Salary	$ 9,750		$10,650	
Reimbursed Expenses:				
Travel Expense	—		350	
Other Benefits:				
Annuity (Tax Shelter)	1,170		1,278	
FICA Tax	570		653	
Major Medical (Not PCUS Group Plan)	396		396	
Total	2,136		2,327	
		$ 11,886		$ 13,327
5. Administrative Assistant				
Salary	$ 9,900		$10,650	
Other Benefits:				
Annuity	1,188		1,278	
FICA Tax	579		653	
Major Medical	256		315	
Total	2,023		2,246	
		$ 11,923		$ 12,896
6. Chaplain-Presbyterian Hospital (80/20)				
Salary	2,824		3,036	
Housing	700		770	
Furnishings	100		100	
Utilities	112		112	
	3,736		4,018	
Reimbursed Expense:				
Travel Allowance	240		240	
Other Benefits:				
Annuity	2,361		2,509	
FICA Tax (1/2)	717		814	
Major Medical	676		834	
	3,754		4,157	
Substitute—Vacation	—		200	
Total		$ 7,730		$ 8,615

	1978		1979	
7. Campus Worker (Assistant to Chaplain 50/50)				
Salary	$ 2,813		$ 3,024	
Other Benefits:				
Workmen Comp.	42		45	
FICA Tax	170		186	
	212		231	
Total		$ 3,025		$ 3,2
8. Hospital Secretary (50/50)				
Salary	$ 3,310		$ 3,559	
FICA Tax	200		218	
Total		$ 3,510		$ 3,7
9. Hospital Visitors (2)				
Mrs. Dorothy Earp				
Salary	$ 1,832		$ 1,970	
FICA Tax	111		121	
Travel Allowance	600		645	
Total		$ 2,543		$ 2,7
10. Rev. Fred R. McAlister, Sr.				
Salary	$ 1,832		$ 1,970	
Travel Allowance	600		645	
Total		$ 2,432		$ 2,6
11. General Presbytery Expense				
Discretionary Fund—Rev. Robert James	$ 1,500		$ 1,500	
Discretionary Fund—Miss Jocelyn Hill	—		300	
Part-Time Clerical Assistance	1,240		3,150	
FICA Tax	74		193	
Total		$ 2,814		$ 5,1
GRAND TOTAL		$110,902		$121,2

UNIFIED BUDGET—1979

	Communicants 12/31/77	1978 Benev. Accept. & Bus. Fund	1979 Benev. Asking
ALBEMARLE FIRST	558	30,000	31,830
ALBEMARLE ROAD	725	20,720	24,068
ALTAN	80	277	341
AMAY JAMES	110	2,355	2,741
AMITY	532	16,662	18,495
AVONDALE	535	13,614	14,445
BADIN	169	5,071	5,629
BANKS	43	1,897	2,106
BELK, W. H.	50	566	696
BENTON HEIGHTS	211	2,257	2,776
BETHANY	38	261	290
BETHEL	411	5,718	6,606
BETHLEHEM	133	1,605	1,868
BEULAH	76	759	933
CALDWELL MEM.	332	8,383	9,708
CALVARY	47	3,429	4,218
CAMDEN	60	1,393	1,621
CARMEL	463	8,691	10,116
CENTRAL STEELE CR.	471	15,785	16,748
CHARLOTTE FIRST	1,169	61,806	65,576
CHRIST	370	6,842	7,914
CLANTON MEM.	59	203	250
COOK'S MEM.	571	21,920	23,257
CORNELIUS	111	1,068	1,243
COVENANT	2,279	113,121	120,021
DAVIDSON COLLEGE	468	45,986	48,791
EAST	287	2,857	3,464
FIRST UNION	122	3,460	3,841
FOREST HILL	501	9,943	11,574
HAWLEY MEM.	35	630	733
HICKORY GROVE	337	5,895	6,862
HOPEWELL	716	22,630	25,119
HUNTERSVILLE	333	13,674	14,508
INDIAN HILL	100	931	1,130
INDIAN TRAIL	259	6,985	7,753
JOHNSTON MEM.	125	2,439	2,707
LEE PARK	99	718	883
LOCUST	104	2,905	3,225
MALLARD CREEK	581	21,326	22,627
MARSHVILLE	77	1,854	2,158
MATTHEWS	222	3,499	4,304
McGEE	163	3,071	3,575
McQUAY	184	2,140	2,491
MEMORIAL	135	3,796	4,214
MONROE, FIRST	572	21,017	22,299
MORVEN	52	1,519	1,612
MULBERRY	383	11,065	12,282
MYERS PARK	2,553	124,163	131,737
NEWELL	233	2,558	3,146
NEW SALEM	12	141	173
NORWOOD	194	5,794	6,431
OAKBORO	22	278	342
PAGELAND	141	3,677	4,082
PAW CREEK	527	16,075	17,843

UNIFIED BUDGET—1979

	Communicants 12/31/77	1978 Benev. Accept. & Bus. Fund	1979 Benev. Asking
PHILADELPHIA	843	13,945	16,232
PLAZA	665	19,406	21,541
PLEASANT HILL	235	6,615	7,343
PROVIDENCE	369	15,053	15,971
QUAIL HOLLOW	344	7,800	9,079
RAMAH	165	2,381	2,771
REHOBETH	26	89	110
RIDGECREST	114	2,467	2,872
ROBINSON	385	6,410	7,461
ST. ANDREWS	214	3,040	3,539
ST. GILES	529	14,272	15,843
ST. JOHN	151	3,642	4,043
SALEM	44	349	429
SARDIS	1,666	78,521	83,311
SEIGLE AVENUE	67	1,116	1,299
SELWYN AVENUE	721	22,751	24,139
SHARON	714	15,153	17,638
SILER	156	2,462	2,866
SMALLWOOD	68	856	1,053
SOUTH TRYON	321	2,528	3,109
STEELE CREEK	784	43,779	46,450
STEPHENSON	82	2,214	2,458
SUGAW CREEK	1,162	32,059	35,586
THIRD CHARLOTTE	848	17,985	20,935
THOMASBORO	310	6,353	7,052
TRINITY	1,551	22,255	27,374
TURNER	137	2,900	3,376
UNIONVILLE	20	78	96
WADESBORO	271	6,353	7,395
WALKERSVILLE	147	1,707	2,100
WAXHAW	77	1,918	2,122
WESTMINSTER	611	22,459	23,829
WESTOVER HILLS	221	3,769	4,387
WILLIAMS MEM.	411	13,413	14,231
TOTALS	33,569	1,081,437	1,181,442

The following motion was referred to Council for study:

That Beginning in the year 1980 and each year following, the Camp Stewart Fund income be placed in a savings account to be accumulated for the purpose of enabling us to respond adequately to any future opportunity we may have as a Presbytery in providing a camp, conference, retreat facility and program.

Randolph Norton, Chairman, of Presbytery's Task Force on New Church Development, presented the following recommendation which was adopted:

Presbytery's Task Force on New Church Development, with concurrence by Presbytery's Council, recommends that Mecklenburg Presbytery at its meeting September 26 exercise its option to purchase property on Rea Road for use in development of a new congregation in that area.

The property, of 7.9 acres at the corner of Rea Road and Swan Run Road, includes a well kept family residence, a metal shop building 25 x 40, a double garage. The agreed price is $70,000 payable at the time of purchase. The property is served by both city water and sewer. The option for 45 days expires October 2, 1978.

The Task Force, in carrying out Presbytery's directives, has spent much time and study attempting to find property in this developing residential area that best meets the requirements of a new Presbyterian U. S. congregation. This piece of property meets those requirements, and it also would become, if need be, a good economic investment.

Meanwhile the Task Force is now seeking an experienced leader whom it hopes to recommend to Presbytery for leading in the development of this new congregation—hopefully to begin early in 1979.

The Task Force expects to bring to the November Meeting of Presbytery a more comprehensive report of its activities and plans.

As a part of the Task Force on New Church Development, the following enabling resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the New Church Development Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery, with concurrence of the Council of Mecklenburg Presbytery, has approved and recommended the purchase from Harvey E. Williamson and wife, Ida D. Williamson, a 7.9 acre tract of land (more or less) located on Rea Road at or near Swan Run Road in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, according to a satisfactory survey for a price of $70,000.00, said amount to be paid from the Presbytery portion of the Haiti-Mecklenburg Capital Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Trustees of Mecklenburg Presbytery be authorized and empowered to contract and purchase the above-described tract of land and to execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to complete the transaction.

The report of Presbytery's Council was adopted in its several parts and as a whole.

The hour having arrived for a Special Order of the Day, Presbytery then proceeded to the Installation of Miss Jocelyn Hill as Presbytery's Associate for Christian Education. The service was conducted by Lewis W. Bledsoe.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by the Chairman, Kenneth P. Craig, and received as information.

Presbytery approved on SECOND READING amendments to the **Manual** of Presbytery (See Presbytery Minutes of 26th Stated Meeting, Volume 8—No. 1—page 54.)

By common consent, the word "shall" was changed to **"MAY"** (See Presbytery Minutes of 26th Stated Meeting, Volume 8—No. 1—page 54—Section "b", line 2).

Presbytery took recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

The report of the Personnel Committee, was made by the Chairman, Lawrence I. Stell. The report was adopted as amended.

The Personnel Committee makes the following recommendations for the membership of committees and commissions with terms of 3 years beginning January 1, 1979, except where noted for unexpired terms which begin immediately.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

1981—R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

To be Chairman: William G. Katibah, Jr.

Ministers

1981—Kenneth Craig
1981—T. W. Tucker

Elder

1981—Mrs. Sarah Rodgers (Plaza)

PRE-ORDINATION AND EXAMINATIONS

To be Chairman: James H. McKinnon, Jr.

Ministers

1979—Lewis Bledsoe (unexpired term Scott Lindsay)
1981—W. A. Dysard, Jr.
1981—Fred McAlister, Jr.
1981—James H. McKinnon, Jr.

Elders

1981—James P. Alexander, M. D. (Charlotte-First)
1981—Isabel Reid (Sardis)
1981—J. T. Springs (Benton Hts.)

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER

Ministers

1981—Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.
1981—Richard P. Shaw

Elders

1981—Roger Felker (East)
1981—James R. Nisbet (Carmel)

PRE-ORDINATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING

To be Chairman: Leighton McKeithen

Minister

1981—Leighton McKeithen

Elder

1981—Mrs. Dorothy Fesperman (Plaza)

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

To be Chairman: Russell Kerr

Minister

1981—F. Clyde Pratt

Elder

1981—Robert K. Capps (Pleasant Hill)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

With the proposed revision of this committee, which has passed its first reading and is on its second reading at this meeting, the membership will be as follows: (Those members presently on the Committee are marked with an *. Others are to be elected now.)

To be Chairman: John A. Wilkerson, Jr.

Church Professionals

1979—G. Wallace Johnson*
1979—Kenneth Woodard*
1980—Mrs. Elaine Barnett*
1980—Fred R. Horner*
1980—Mrs. Carlita Hunter*
1980—Mrs. Anne McQuiston*
1980—John A. Wilkerson, Jr. (Chm.)*

Lay Members

1979—Robert C. Hinkle (Badin)*
1979—Mrs. Betty Houston (Sharon)*
1979—Mrs. Frances Irwin (St. Andrews)*
1980—Mrs. Philip Lambert (Third)

Church Professionals

1981—Ms. Anne Vickers
1981—Emanuel E. Washington

Lay Members

1980—Mrs. Karen Massey (Indian Trail)
1980—Ms. Allison Rosser (Sardis)
1981—Mrs. Thelma Cochran (Mallard Creek)
1981—C. Frank Mansfield (Covenant)
1981—Ms. Catherine L. McMillan (Selwyn Avenue)

INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES

Minister

1981—Robert Smith

Lay Member

1981—Dean W. Colvard (Covenant)

PLANNING

To be Chairman: Douglas Oldenburg

Ministers

1981—Fred Holder
1981—Thomas L. Shields III

Lay Members

1981—Gene Cathey (Sardis)
1981—Robert J. Ashmore (Huntersville)

CHURCH ASSISTANCE

Ministers

1981—William Edwards II
1981—Zane Moore

Lay Members

1980—H. Brian Cheyne (Forest Hill) (unexpired term of C. Conder)
1981—Ann Councilman (Steele Creek)
1981—Mrs. Thad Biggers (Indian Trail)

SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Ministers

1979—Vernon Dodd (unexpired term)
1981—J. W. Ligon
1981—H. Howard Smith

Lay Members

1979—Don Haas (First Union)
1981—Perry Brown (Walkersville)
1981—Don Rogers (Quail Hollow)

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Minister

1981—French B. O'Shields

Lay Member

1981—Frances Byrum (Steele Creek)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(To be nominated from the floor). Those going off the Committee are Richard Shaw, Lawrence Stell, Edith Gardner and Edith McLendon. From the class of 1979, D. Fletcher, removed.

Those remaining on the committee are: 1979—Zane Moore, J. Y. Barnett (Huntersville), Larry Baucom (Locust): 1980—Fred R. McAlister, Jr., J. Craig Butler, Ray A. Killian (Myers Park) and Mack P. Brown (Steele Creek).

To be Chairman: Fred R. McAlister, Jr.

Ministers

1979—Edward C. Wilson
1981—L. P. Gwaltney, III
1981—M. A. Cochrane, Jr.

Lay Members

1981—Mrs. Dot Fesperman (Plaza)
1981—Mrs. Betty Clark (Sardis)

COURT MEETINGS

Minister	**Lay Member**
1981—Charles Kirkpatrick	1981—Harry McConnell (Mulberry)

INTERPRETATION

To be Chairman: Warner L. Hall

Minister	**Lay Member**
1981—Warren Nance	1981—Jean Floyd (Covenant)

WORSHIP

Minister	**Lay Member**
1981—Z. T. Piephoff, Jr.	1981—Mary Ward (Hawley Memorial)

PRESBYTERIAN HOME OF CHARLOTTE

Mecklenburg Presbytery Representative on Board of Directors

1981—W. C. Matthews, M. D. (Myers Park)

HAITI DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minister	**Lay Members**
1981—T. W. Tucker	1981—Austin C. Thies (Selwyn Avenue)
Advisory Member	1981—William C. Sugg, Jr., M. D. (Covenant)
1981—Paul Brown (Steele Creek)	

In addition to the nominations due at this time, the Personnel Committee wishes to make one other recommendation. Some background is needed. Our **Manual of Presbytery** provides for Trustees, Commissions, Standing Committees, and ad interim Committees. No provision is made in the Manual for Task Forces. Yet Presbytery has elected two Task Forces. The Personnel Committee has no quarrel with this, save to note there is no provision for such in the Manual. What does concern this Committee is that Presbytery has made no provision for this Committee, or any other, to review the membership of Task Forces, or place the membership in terms of service, or determined whether membership on a Task Force precludes service on any other Committee or Commission of Presbytery.

In the light of these facts, the Personnel Committee moves:

1. That Presbytery direct each Task Force to review its work and objectives as soon as possible.
2. That each Task Force report its findings to Presbytery's Council as soon as possible, with recommendations as to how the work of that Task Force be handled: either the Task Force continued for a specified time; or, the work of the Task Force placed under some existing Standing Committee; or, a new Standing Committee be erected.
3. That Presbytery's Council review these reports, and report its recommendations to Presbytery, including any Manual changes that may grow out of Council's recommendations.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was presented by the Chairman, Roy W. Coker. The report was adopted as amended.

The Commission met on June 20, July 13, and August 16, 1978. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery for your INFORMATION:

1. Received report from Neely D. McCarter, professor of Union Seminary, outlining his activities as a professor and minister during the past year.

2. We are participating in the "Face to Face" sponsored by the Presbyteries of The Synod of North Carolina and The Virginias, on October 13, 14, 1978, at Greensboro, N. C. This is an effort to bring together Pulpit Nominating Committees and Ministers who are open to a call to a different field of work. Letters with information about this event have been mailed to all ministers and pulpit nominating committees.

3. Upon his request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Associate Pastor relationship between J. David Fletcher and the Amity Church was dissolved. He was granted a certificate of dismission to Arkansas Union Presbytery that he may accept a call to Wynne Church, Effective August 15, 1978.

4. Upon his request and with the concurrence of the Session, the Assistant Pastor relationship between Vernon H. Dodd and the Hopewell Church was dissolved effective July 16, 1978, in order that he might accept a call to the Siler Church, this Presbytery.

5. Received a letter from John R. Crawford, professor at Montreat-Anderson College, outlining his activities as a professor and minister during the past year.

6. Upon his request and with the concurrence of the congregation, the Associate Pastor relationship between David Scott Lindsay and the First Church, Charlotte was dissolved effective August 20, 1978, and a letter of dismission was granted to Wilmington Presbytery that he might accept a call to the Little Chapel, Wrightsville Beach, N. C.

The Commission makes the following RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following Interim Supplies be appointed:

CHURCH	MINISTER	EFFECTIVE DATE
Davidson College	Duncan D. MacBryde	July 1, 1978 (6 months)
Hopewell	J. E. Wayland, Sr.	July 9, 1978
Turner	F. Clyde Pratt	July 1, 1978 (6 months)
McGee	R. Wilbur Cousar	June 1, 1978
Cook's Memorial	Robert O. Freeman	August 1, 1978 (13 weeks)

2. That Moderator Pro Tem of Sessions be appointed:

CHURCH	MINISTER	EFFECTIVE DATE
Hopewell	John A. Wilkerson	July 9, 1978
Turner	F. Clyde Pratt	July 1, 1978
Davidson College	Duncan D. MacBryde	July 1, 1978
McGee	Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.	June 1, 1978
Cook's Memorial	Robert O. Freeman	August 1, 1978

3. That the call from the Trinity Church to the Rev. Donald K. Welsh to become Associate Pastor be found in order and placed

in his hands and a Commission appointed for his installation, after he has been received and enrolled in Presbytery. Terms of call are as follows:

1.	Salary	$10,000.00
2.	Housing Allowance	5,400.00
3.	Utilities Allowance	1,800.00
4.	Group Life & Major Medical Insurance	
5.	12% Dues for Ministers' Annuity Fund	
6.	Continuing Education	200.00
7.	Auto Allowance	2,000.00
8.	Moving Expenses	
9.	One month annual vacation	
10.	Two weeks annual study leave	
11.	Annual review of terms of call	

4. That the call from the Siler Church to the Rev. Vernon H. Dodd to become Pastor be found in order and placed in his hands, and a Commission appointed for his installation. Terms of call are as follows:

	Salary	$10,000.00 ($1,500.00 designated for manse expenses)
2.	Manse	
3.	Utilities Allowance	1,300.00
4.	Group Life and Major Medical Insurance	
5.	12% Dues for Ministers' Annuity Fund	
6.	Continuing Education	200.00
7.	Auto Allowance	2,000.00
8.	Professional Expenses	200.00
9.	Moving Expenses	
10.	Four weeks annual vacation	
11.	Two weeks annual study leave	

5. That the call from the First Church, Charlotte to the Rev. Thomas P. Borland, Jr., to become Associate Pastor be found in order and placed in his hands after he has been examined and approved for ordination, and a Commission appointed for his ordination and installation. Terms are as follows:

1.	Salary	$10,000.00
2.	Housing Allowance	3,320.00
3.	Utilities	1,500.00
4.	Group Life & Major Medical Insurance	
5.	12% Dues for Ministers' Annuity Fund	1,793.00
6.	Continuing Education	250.00
7.	Auto Allowance	1,620.00
	(Provide auto and operating cost)	900.00
8.	Moving Expenses	
9.	One month annual vacation	
10.	Two weeks annual study leave	

6. That the call to the Rev. Frances Phillips to become the Campus Minister at U.N.C.C. be found in order and placed in her hands after she has been received and enrolled in Presbytery. Terms of call as follows:

1.	Salary	$10,000.00
2.	Housing Allowance	4,400.00
3.	Insurance	
4.	Continuing Education	300.00
5.	One Month Vacation	
6.	Two weeks annual study leave	
7.	12% Annuity	

We further recommend that auto allowance be waived as her duties will be on campus and travel is not involved.

7. That the call from the First Union Church to the Rev. Billy Shaw Howell, to become their pastor be found in order and placed in his hands after he has been received and enrolled in Presbytery; and that a commission be appointed to install him. Terms of call as follows:

1.	Salary	$10,200.00
2.	Housing	3,000.00
3.	Utilities	1,200.00
4.	Life Insurance	127.60
5.	Group Life & Major Medical	
6.	12% Annuity	1,584.00
7.	Continuing Education	200.00
8.	Auto Allowance	2,200.00
9.	Two weeks annual study leave	
10.	One month vacation	

8. That the call from the Myers Park Church to R. Proctor Chambless, Jr. to become their Associate Pastor for Youth be found in order and placed in his hands after he has been examined and approved for ordination; and that a Commission be appointed to ordain and install him. Terms of the call are as follows:

1.	Salary	$10,000.00
2.	Housing and Utility Allowance	4,000.00
3.	Group Life and Major Medical	
4.	12% Annuity	
5.	Disability Insurance	
6.	Continuing Education	300.00
7.	Automobile Allowance	2,000.00
8.	One month vacation	
9.	Two weeks study leave	

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Commission on the Minister met on September 19, 1978. The following actions were taken and are reported to Presbytery for your INFORMATION:

1. Received the quarterly report from Chaplain David G. Boyce, Fort Wadsworth, SI, New York as information and with gratitude for his service.

2. Appointed the following ministers to serve as advisors for new members of Mecklenburg Presbytery as indicated:

T. W. Tucker for Donald K. Welsh—(six months)
G. Carswell Hughs for Thomas P. Borland, Jr.—(2 years—BC0-27-6)
Jeff K. Aiken for Malcolm M. Bullock—(six months)
Margaret Peery for Frances Phillips—(2 years—BCO-27-6)
Kenneth Craig for Billy Shaw Howell—(six months)

3. "The Face to Face" sponsored by the Presbyteries of the Synod of the Virginias and North Carolina will be held in Greensboro October 13, 14, 1978. This is an opportunity for the Search Committees of the Church and Ministers interested in moving to come together and talk. We hope that this will speed up the process of moving ministers and filling vacant pulpits.

The Commission makes the following RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That changes in terms of the call to the Rev. W. Rush Otey, III as Associate Minister at the Davidson College Church for the fiscal year July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979 be approved as follows:

	FROM	**TO**
Salary	$9,400.00	$10,000.00
Housing Allowance	2,660.00	2,800.00
Utilities	852.00	900.00
Automobile	1,000.00	1,300.00

(and that the Auto Allowance be waived as his duties will be on campus and travel is not involved).

2. Horace E. Stoessel, a Minister of The Word and Sacrament, and a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery has requested that he be divested of office without censure, being satisfied in his own conscience that God has not called him to this office. In accordance with the BCO 112-1, notice is given that at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery, November 14, 1978, the Presbytery will deliberate upon his request and if the way be clear will divest Horace E. Stoessel of office without censure.

3. That with the approval of the Presbytery of the Piedmont, W. Chester Keller be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as interim supply of the Routh Memorial Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina for a period of three months beginning October 1, 1978.

4. That with the approval of the Presbytery of Concord, Daniel L. Durway be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as interim supply of the Fairmount Church, Lexington, North Carolina, for a period of three months beginning October 1, 1978.

5. That the call from the Hopewell Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Malcolm M. Bullock, be found in order and placed in his hands upon his completion of the examination and enrollment by Presbytery. The terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$12,850.00
Free use of the manse	
Utility allowance of	2,200.00
Premium for Group Life and Major Medical for minister and family	
Life Insurance	
12% dues to Ministers Annuity Fund	
Continuing Education	200.00
Automobile Allowance	3,000.00

Professional Expenses	1,100.00
4 Week Paid Vacation	
2 Weeks Annual Study Leave with Pay	
Moving Expenses to the Field.	

6. That the salary for 1979 reflect at least a 7½ percent increase over 1978 on the total package. Even though this recommendation is not mandatory it is strongly suggested that this increase be made to help offset the projected cost of living increase.

7. That the term of service as interim supply for Henry S. Robinson at Banks Church and F. Clyde Pratt at Turner Church be extended through December 31, 1978.

8. That Presbytery recognize the Reverend James E. Ratchford, for his service as an active ordained Minister from November 5, 1939 to his retirement July 31, 1978 by the presentation of a plaque.

On behalf of the Commission on the Minister and the Presbytery, Roy W. Coker presented the customary plaque to James E. Ratchford for his faithful service as an active ordained Minister in the Presbyterian Church in the United States since 1939.

Presbytery then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Pre-Ordination and Examinations Committee, J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Chairman.

Leonard W. Topping, Acting Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Candidates, presented to Presbytery Miss Joan Starnes, a member of Turner Church, Monroe, N. C. and a student at Columbia Seminary; James McIntyre Glasgow, a member of Trinity Church and a student at Gordon-Conwell Seminary; Marcus Graham Coker, a member of Pleasant Hill Church and a student at Columbia Seminary; and Randall Bulette Boggs, a member of Covenant Church and a student at Yale Divinity School, for examination with a view to their reception as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Miss Starnes, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Coker and Mr. Boggs were examined on their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. The examinations were sustained and Presbytery adopted a motion that they be admitted as Candidates for the Ministry under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of worship. The Constitutional Questions were asked by the Moderator and answered in the affirmative by the four candidates. A charge to the Candidates was delivered by Douglas W. Oldenburg and Roy W. Coker offered a prayer on their behalf. The Candidates then signed the Roll Book of Candidates under the Care of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Recess was taken at 3:00 P. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 3:30 P. M., and then divided into two groups to hear the sermons of the two Candidates for Ordination, Thomas P. Borland and R. Proctor Chambless, Jr.

The Court reassembled.

A. J. McKelway, Jr., Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Pre-Ordination, made a motion that the sermons preached by Thomas P. Borland and R. Proctor Chambless, Jr. be approved as satisfactory. The motion was adopted.

Presbytery then proceeded to examination of Mr. Borland and Mr. Chambless with a view toward ordination and reception as members of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Each of the Candidates for ordination made a statement concerning his Christian experience and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. They were examined concerning their knowledge and views on theology, the Bible, the sacraments and church Government. Opportunity was given for questions from the floor. The examination was sustained in each of its several parts and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Borland and Mr. Chambless were placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of these calls.)

T. W. Tucker, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Minister Transfers, presented Malcolm M. Bullock, Pastor-Elect of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, and now of Concord Presbytery; Billy Shaw Howell, Pastor-Elect of the First Union Presbyterian Church, now of South Louisiana Presbytery, where he served as Pastor of the First Union Presbyterian Church, Luling, Louisiana; Mrs. Frances Fulcher Phillips, Campus Minister-Elect of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, now of Orange Presbytery, and Donald K. Welsh, Associate Pastor-Elect of Trinity Presbyterian Church, now of Southern Kansas Presbytery.

Presbytery adopted a motion to proceed with the examination of these four Ministers with a view toward their reception as members of Mecklenburg Presbytery. Each of them made a statement as to his/her Christian experience. They were then examined concerning their views on theology, the sacraments and Church Government. Opportunity was given for questions from the floor. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

The calls for the services of Mr. Bullock, Mr. Howell, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Welsh were placed in their hands and by them accepted. (See report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of these calls). They were enrolled in Mecklenburg Presbytery by signing the Roll Book of Ministers and commissions were appointed to install them.

A motion was made that Mecklenburg Presbytery grant the Reverend Mrs. Frances F. Phillips permission to administer the sacraments in connection with her ministry on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The motion was adopted.

The report of the Attendance Committee was made by J. Arthur Beard. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. The report was adopted.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg expresses its appreciation to the pastor, officers, and congregation of Bethel Presbyterian Church for being host to its 27th stated meeting and for being so gracious, organized, and efficient in their hospitality. We rejoice with them in their completing one hundred and fifty years of Christian life in this community.

Also, we express our appreciation to the moderator, Rev. Charles L. Kirby, for his effective and patient leadership in the conduct of our business and to the retiring moderator, Mr. Billy G. McCall, for his brief and appropriate call to Christian stewardship.

Finally, as Presbytery, we wish to commend the chairpersons and members of the various committees, commissions, task forces, and council for their diligent stewardship to their assigned tasks, as reflected in the thoughtful reports presented at this meeting.

The following Commissions were appointed by Presbytery:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL THOMAS P. BORLAND AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1978 AT 11 A. M.

MINISTERS:

Robert J. James, Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

Arthur Ross, III, To preach the Sermon (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

G. Carswell Hughs, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor

A. J. McKelway, Jr.

RULING ELDERS:

Henry P. Bridges (Charlotte First), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

R. A. Bigger, Jr. (Myers Park)

Price H. Gwynn (Steele Creek)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL DONALD K. WELSH AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1978 AT 8:00 P. M.

MINISTERS:

Charles L. Kirby, Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions

H. Louis Patrick, To Preach the Sermon

T. W. Tucker, To Deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor

Robert J. James, To Deliver the Charge to the Congregation
J. H. McKinnon, Jr.

RULING ELDERS:

William Archer (Trinity)
Yates W. Reep (Central Steele Creek)
Mrs. W. T. Anderson (Sardis)
Richard Felkner M. D. (Trinity)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL R. PROCTOR CHAMBLESS, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1978 AT 11 A. M.

MINISTERS:

A. J. McKelway, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions
William J. Carl, To preach the Sermon. (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)
Charles I. Mann, To deliver the Charge to the Associate Pastor (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)
J. Randolph Taylor, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
Margaret Barnes Peery

RULING ELDERS:

Mrs. Betty McLaney (Trinity)
Richard Vinroot (Myers Park)
Bill White (Myers Park)

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL BILLY SHAW HOWELL, JR. AS PASTOR OF FIRST UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1978 AT 3:00 P. M.

MINISTERS:

W. M. Boyce, Presiding at Worship
Charles E. S. Kraemer, To preach the Sermon
Robert J. James, To ask PCUS Constitutional Questions

RULING ELDERS:

James C. Redding (First Union), Chairman
Kenneth M. Bridges, Jr. (Myers Park), To deliver the Charge to the Pastor
Mrs. B. S. Howell, Sr. (Charlotte First), Prayer of Installation

Those constituting the Commission of First Presbytery, ARP are:

James C. Redding, Chairman, ARP/PCUS
Lonnie Richardson, To deliver the Charge to the Congregation
James W. Lesslie, III, Pastoral Prayer
Paul Sherrill, Constitutional Questions, ARP

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL VERNON H. DODD AS PASTOR OF SILER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1978 AT 7:00 P. M.

MINISTERS:

John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions

G. Wallace Johnson, To preach the Sermon

W. L. Kline, Jr., To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

RULING ELDERS:

Edward Moss (Hopwell), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Jerry Plyler (Siler), To read Scripture

Harold Plyler (Siler), Prayer

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL MALCOLM M. BULLOCK AS PASTOR OF HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1978 AT 7:00 P. M.

MINISTERS:

John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman, To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions

Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., To preach the Sermon

Richard P. Shaw, To deliver the Charge to the Pastor

Finley M. Grissett, To lead in Prayer

Roger Marrow, To give the Invocation (To be invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the Service)

RULING ELDERS:

Brown Whitley (Hopewell), To deliver the Charge to the Congregation

Marshall Blythe (Hopewell), To read Scripture

Ewell Somers (Hopewell)

J. W. Zimmerman, Jr. (Williams Memorial)

The following motion was adopted by Presbytery: That the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn the the meeting was adopted. The Court stood and the Moderator offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Mecklenburg Presbytery stood adjourned to meet at the Huntersville Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 14, 1978.

Robert J. James, Stated Clerk

Henry S. Robinson
Recording Clerk

Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

The Twenty-Eighth Stated Meeting Of Mecklenburg Presbytery

Huntersville Presbyterian Church
Huntersville, North Carolina
November 14, 1978

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg convened for its 28th Stated Meeting in the Huntersville Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, North Carolina, at 9:00 A.M. on November 14, 1978. Presbytery was led in hymn and prayer by Charles L. Kirby, Jr., Retiring Moderator.

The meeting was then called to order by Mr. Kirby, and a quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk.

Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders were enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS: Jeff K. Aiken, Jr., J. A. Beard, Robert C. Benson, Lewis W. Bledsoe, Thomas P. Borland, W. M. Boyce, Thomas C. Bryan, Robert E. Burnett, J. Craig Butler, R. Proctor Chambless, Jr., C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., Roy W. Coker, W. B. H. Corkey, Edward B. Cooper, Ken Craig, E. L. Daniel, Jr., Vernon H. Dodd, William A. Dysard, Jr., William M. Edwards, II, Charles D. Elyea, Jr., R. O. Freeman, J. S. Garner, Finley M. Grissett, Jr., John A. Haley, Warner L. Hall, A. Rudolph Hendricks, Glenn L. Hill, Fred C. Holder, Fred R. Horner, Robert S. Hough, Billy S. Howell, Jr., G. Carswell Hughs, George H. V. Hunter, C. Franklin Jacks, Jr., Robert J. James, Robert E. Johnston, William G. Katibah, Jr., W. Chester Keller, Russell M. Kerr, Jeff T. Kesterson, C. L. Kirby, Charles E. Kirkpatrick, Larry Kline, Jr., Charles E. S. Kraemer, J. Cecil Lawrence, Neil C. Leach, J. W. Ligon, T. A. Little, Jr., Earl R. MacCormac, T. W. MacLean, Robert S. Maclin, Frank Alfred Mathes, F. R. McAlister, Sr., Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Leighton McKeithen, J. H. McKeithen, Jr., James H. McKinnon, Jr., Neil McMillan, Robert J. McMullen, Jr., Julius Melton, Zane M. Moore, Robert L. Morgan, W. D. Morton, Warren Nance, D. W. Oldenburg, French B. O'Shields, Jr., W. R. Otey, H. Louis Patrick, Albert G. Peery, Jr., Margaret Barnes Peery, Harry W. Philips, Z. T. Piephoff, Jr., M. B. Prince, Jr., Marcus B. Prince, III, Carl R. Pritchett, James E. Ratchford, Robert W. Rayburn, Jennings B. Reid, Thomas K. Reinowski, Earle D. Roberts, Glenn B. Robinson, James H. Sell, Jr., Richard P. Shaw, Thomas L. Shields, III, Robert E. Smith, Jr., H. Howard Smith, John E. Smylie, Lawrence I. Stell, J. Randolph Taylor, R. Z. Thomas, III, A. Leslie Thompson, Leonard W. Topping, T. W. Tucker, William B. Ward, E. E. Washington, John Edwin Wayland, Sr., J. Ed Wayland, Jr., John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Edward C. Wilson, David E. Wilkinson, Kenneth Woodard.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: M. M. Bullock, M. A. Cochrane, Jr., J. R. Crawford, L. P. Gwaltney, III, Paul A. Horne, G. W. Johnson, F. S. Jones, C. A. Norwood, Fran Phillips, D. L. Durway, Neely McCarter, Fred R. Stair.

MINISTERS UNEXCUSED: C. C. Cowsert, Ralph Dennison, Jr., W. G. Maxwell, T. J. Nash, III, J. Dan Zeluff.

RULING ELDERS: Albemarle First, Mrs. Elworth Plyler, Paul Honeycutt; Albemarle Road, Lyndon Kelly, Stough Garrison; Amay James, D. L. Grier; Amity, Rosalia Shell; Avondale, Effie Favor, James Singer; Banks, Ralph C. Kelley; Bethel, Herbert Brown; Badin, P. M. Dulin; Bethlehem, Frances H. Price; Calvary, Doris Brown; Carmel, Sam Woods; Cornelius, Paul Poteat; Covenant, William D. Stapleton, Milton Fox, Thomas Woollen; Central Steele Creek, Dean Bassett; Charlotte First, S. Allen Wilson; Clanton Memorial, L. F. Brooks; Christ, John M. Fleming; Cook's Memorial, Maurice Rozzelle, J. R. Thompson; Caldwell Memorial, Vernelle McGinn; Davidson College, Julia W. Maulden; First Union, Boyd Broome; East, Martha Gordon; Forest Hill, Murray B. Craven, Charles A. Hunter; Huntersville, R. J. Ashmore; Hopewell, J. Harley Sherrill, William Kidd; Hickory Grove, Mrs. L. C. Hinson; Hawley Memorial, Mary S. Ward; Indian Hill, J. W. Morgan; Johnston Memorial, E. R. Hyder; Mallard Creek, T. D. McLaughlin, J. E. Kirk; Marshville, Charles S. Boyce; Matthews, R. C. Hunt, Sr.; McQuay, Charles Cloud; Memorial, Bob Husband; Monroe First, Ron Griffin, Bill Durland; Mulberry, Nobel S. Carlson; Myers Park, Lib Harkey, Mrs. Hugh Verner, Tom Turner; Newell, Ernest Query; Norwood, Robert Winchester; Oakboro, Mrs. Linda Champion; Paw Creek, Danny Poole, W. H. Harris; Philadelphia, Olen H. Mullis; Plaza, Albert D. Leopold, Nancy Weant; Pleasant Hill, Jack Caldwell; Providence, Tom Rea; Ramah, W. G. Barnhardt; Ridgecrest, Roger Smith; Robinson, Melvin Batchatis; Quail Hollow, Charles V. Cheney; St. Andrews, Sinclair M. Cathey; St. Giles, Charles Deal, Mrs James H. McCorkle, Jr.; St. John, Mrs. Lucy Estridge; Sardis, Ed H. Walker, Jim Sangster, Robert Pharr, Jon R. Howell; Selwyn Avenue, Joann S. Wallace, Billie J. McFall; Seigle Avenue, Miss Summers Tarlton; Siler, James Laney; Smallwood, Mary Luckey; Steele Creek, Mrs. Marjorie B. Smith, Victor B. Wallace, Jr.; Stephenson, Guy Privette; Sugaw Creek, Lee Trexler, John B. Mengel, Mary Louise Hunter; Third, Charles Armstrong, Fred A. Griffith; Thomasboro, Ralph E. Maynor, Jr.; Trinity, George Sawyer, Betty Barker McLaney; Turner, George Simpson; Wadesboro First, Mrs. Charles Shelton; Walkersville, Perry D. Brown; Waxhaw, W. N. Davis; Westminster, Jim Boone, W. A. McCorkle; Westover Hills, Bernard Beaty; Williams Memorial, O. C. Waters, Jr.

CHURCHES EXCUSED: Benton Heights, Indian Trail.

CHURCHES UNEXCUSED: Altan, Belk, Bethany, Beulah, Camden, Lee Park, McGee. Morven, New Salem, Pageland, Rehobeth, Salem, Sharon, South Tryon, Unionville.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENT: Nancy D. Collins, Ruth Farrior, Jean B. Floyd, Jocelyn Hill, Virginia Jones, Helen Loyd, Ann McQuiston, Jeanie Ogilvie, Betty Staples, Anne Vickers.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed.

Marcus B. Prince, III presented the Docket for the meeting as proposed by the Court Meetings Committee. The Docket was adopted as follows:

THE DOCKET

9:00 A. M. 1. Convened with Prayer and Song—Charles L. Kirby, Jr.
2. Enrollment of Presbytery and Introduction of Visitors
3. Adoption of Docket (Court Meetings)—Marcus B. Prince, III
4. Election of Moderator (Richard P. Shaw, Moderator-Nominee)
5. Report of Committee on Arrangements—John A. Wilkerson, Jr.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees:
    a. Bills and Overtures
    b. Attendance
    c. Tellers
    d. Resolutions
7. Communications and New Business (referral to committee)

9:30 8. Report of Presbytery's Council—Lewis W. Bledsoe
    a. Middle Courts/Roles & Relations—J. H. McKinnon, Jr.
    b. Report from St. Andrews College
    c. Report on World Council—Margaret B. Peery

10:10 9. Nomination of Moderator-Nominee (last order before recess)

10:15 RECESS (All new business must be before the Court by the end of this recess).

10:30 10. Brief Announcements
11. Report of Specialized Ministry—Margaret Bigger
    a. Introductions
    b. Report on IMPACT—George Chauncey

11:25 12. Report of Interpretations Committee—W. A. Dysard, Jr. (Special Order on Mission Consultation)

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 P. M. 13. Worship (Special Order)—Sermon by Charles L. Kirby, Jr.

2:00 14. Report of Commission on the Minister—Roy W. Coker
15. Report of Task Force on New Church Development—Ran Norton

3:00 RECESS

3:15 16. Report of Pre-Ordination and Examinations—J. H. McKinnon, Jr.
17. Report of Evaluation & Review Committee—R. W. Rayburn
18. Report of International Missions Committee—George Hunter

19. Annual Reports from Division of Court Operations:
    a. Personnel Committee—L. I. Stell
    b. Court Meetings Committee—C. F. Jacks, Jr.
    c. Worship Committee—R. O. Freeman
20. Necessary Announcements
21. Unfinished Business (including standing committee reports)
22. Commissions to be appointed
23. Reading and adoption of Minutes
24. Adjournment with Apostolic Benediction

Richard P. Shaw, Moderator-in-Nomination, was elected Moderator by acclamation.

John A. Wilkerson, Jr., Pastor of the Host Church, presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements, which was received as information.

The Moderator appointed Standing Committees for the meeting, as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Charles L. Kirby, Chairman
Zane M. Moore
C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr.
Cliff Deal (Sharon)
Bob Ashmore (Huntersville)
Ralph Maynor (Thomasboro)

ATTENDANCE

J. Arthur Beard, Chairman
W. L. Kline
Lib Hinson (Hickory Grove)
Mary Louise Hunter (Sugaw Creek)

TELLERS

Fred R. McAlister, Jr., Chairman
Jeff K. Aiken, Jr.
Leighton McKeithen
Samuel Woods (Carmel)
Victor B. Wallace (Steele Creek)
Rosalia Shell (Amity)

RESOLUTIONS

C. F. Jacks, Jr., Chairman
and members of Court Meetings
Committee present

The Stated Clerk presented communications received, as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences; these were referred to the Standing Committee on Attendance.

2. Letter from Albert G. Peery, Jr., on behalf of the Task Force on Criminal Justice of the Synod of North Carolina. The request that a report from this Task Force be heard by Presbytery was answered by adding it to the Docket as part of the announcements in the afternoon session.

   The request that the Presbytery establish a Task Force on Criminal Justice was referred to Presbytery's Council for study and report by the February 1979 Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

3. Minutes of Commissions to be admitted to record:

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR THOMAS P. BORLAND AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1978 AT 11:00 A. M.

The Commission met on October 1, 1978 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Robert J. James, Chairman; G. Carswell Hughs, Alexander J. McKelway, Jr., and Arthur Ross, III, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. **RULING ELDERS:** R. A. Bigger, Jr., Price H. Gwynn, Henry Bridges.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Robert J. James. R. A. Bigger, Jr., was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Arthur Ross, III read the Scripture and Robert J. James had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by Arthur Ross, III on the topic/text: “Discovering a Model for Ministry”, Luke 10:25-37.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Thomas P. Borland had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor was delivered by Alexander J. McKelway.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by R. A. Bigger, Jr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Thomas P. Borland.

R. A. Bigger, Jr.
Secretary

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION FOR R. PROCTOR CHAMBLESS, JR. AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH FOR MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1978 AT 11 A. M.

The Commission met on Sunday, October 8, 1978 at 10:30 A. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Alexander J. McKelway, Jr., Chairman, J. Randolph Taylor, Mrs. Margaret B. Peery, and William J. Carl and Charles I. Mann, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. **RULING ELDERS:** Betty McLaney, Richard Vinroot and Bill White.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Randolph Taylor. Bill White was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Ordination and Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Mrs. Margaret B. Peery read the Scripture and Betty McLaney had the prayer.

The sermon was preached by William J. Carl on the topic/text: "Follow Me" Isaiah 6:1-8, Mark 2:13, 14.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Ordination and Installation Ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Myers Park Presbyterian Church Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The chairman then declared that R. Proctor Chambless had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Associate Pastor for Youth was delivered by Charles I. Mann.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by J. Randolph Taylor.

Following prayer and singing, the new Associate Pastor for Youth pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Margaret B. Peery.

Bill White
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR BILLY SHAW HOWELL, JR. AS PASTOR OF THE FIRST UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1978 AT 3:00 P. M.

The Commission met on Sunday, October 15, 1978 at 2:30 P. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** Charles E. S. Kraemer, Robert J. James, W. M. Boyce. **RULING ELDERS:** James Redding, Kenneth M. Bridges, Jr., Mrs. Billy Shaw Howell, Sr. Others present were the members of the Installation Commission of the First Presbytery, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: **MINISTERS:** Paul Sherrill, Lonnie Richardson. **RULING ELDER:** James W. Lesslie, III

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Lonnie Richardson. Robert J. James was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

Dr. W. M. Boyce presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer read the Scripture.

The sermon was preached by Dr. Kraemer on the topic/text: "The Presbyterian Church"—Acts 15:1-29.

Dr. Boyce stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

Dr. Paul Sherrill propounded the constitutional questions for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to the Minister and the congregation and these were answered in the affirmative. Reverend Robert J. James propounded the constitutional questions for the Presbyterian Church in the United States to the Minister and congregation and these were answered in the affirmative. Dr. Sherrill and Mr. James then declared that Billy Shaw Howell, Jr., had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the First Union Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Kenneth M. Bridges.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Lonnie Richardson.

The installation prayer was offered by Mr. Howell's Mother, Mrs. Billy Shaw Howell, Sr.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Robert J. James.

Robert J. James
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR VERNON H. DODD AS PASTOR OF SILER PRESENTATION CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1978 AT 7:00 P. M.

The Commission met on Sunday, October 22, 1978 at 6:15 P. M. at the Church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** JOHN A. Wilkerson, Jr., Chairman; W. L. Kline, Jr., G. Wallace Johnson. **RULING ELDERS:** Eddy Moss, Harold Plyler, Jerry Plyler.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by John A. Wilkerson, Jr. Jerry Plyler was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. Jerry Plyler read the Scripture and Harold Plyler had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by G. Wallace Johnson on the topic: "Partnership".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Siler Presbyterian Church Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Vernon H. Dodd had been regularly elected, and installed as Pastor of the Siler Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by W. L. Kline, Jr.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Eddy Moss.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by G. Wallace Johnson.

Jerry Plyler
Secretary

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR MALCOLM M. BULLOCK AS PASTOR OF HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1978 AT 7:00 P. M.

The Commission met on October 29, 1978 at 6:30 P. M., at the church. Commission members present were: **MINISTERS:** John Wilkerson, Chairman; Richard P. Shaw, Finley M. Grissett, Jeff Aiken and Roger Morrow, invited by Mecklenburg Presbytery to participate in the service. **RULING ELDERS:** Marshall Blythe, Brown Whitley and Ewell Somers.

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by John Wilkerson. Ewell Somers was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Chairman presided. The Service was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. The invocation was given by Roger Morrow. Marshall Blythe read the Scripture and Finley Grissett had the prayer.

The Sermon was preached by Jeff Aiken on the topic: "We Preach Not Ourselves".

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Chairman propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Hopewell Congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The Members of the Commission then gave the new Pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Malcolm Bullock had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Richard P. Shaw.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by Brown Whitley.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Jack Zimmerman.

Ewell Somers
Secretary

RECEIVED THE REPORT OF THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR FRANCES F. PHILLIPS AS CAMPUS PASTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHARLOTTE, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1978—1:00 P. M.

The Cooperative Christian Ministry in Higher Education, Inc. at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, through its Board of Directors, called the Reverend Frances F. Phillips to serve as Campus Pastor. She was installed at the University on Tuesday, October 3, 1978 at 1:00 P. M.

Participating in the installation were the following:

Presbyterian, U. S. **Ministers:** W. Rush Otey, who preached the sermon; Robert O. Freeman. **Ruling Elders:** Douglas Orr, Jr. who delivered the charge to the Minister; other **lay person:** Mrs. Joan Tucker.

United Methodist Ministers: Ken Horn, who presided; Loy Witherspoon, Julian Aldridge, Jr., and Philip Shore, Jr., who led the installation prayer; **lay persons:** Sydnor Thompson who delivered the charge to the community; James Braswell, Methodist student on campus.

United Presbyterian Ministers: State Alexander, and Wilburn Sanders.

The presiding minister made a statement of the nature and importance of campus ministry along with noting that support for the ministry is shared by three denominations.

4. Request from the Commission to install the Reverend Donald K. Welsh that their report be made in connection with the report of the Commission on the Minister.

Earle D. Roberts was elected Recording Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery.

The report of Presbytery's Council was presented by Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, as follows:

Since the last regular meeting of Presbytery, Council has taken the following actions:

1. Has met with the Council of Catawba Presbytery, UPCUSA, at the Mecklenburg Presbytery Center and identified some common concerns and possibilities for co-operative endeavor. Another meeting is scheduled for November 30, at Memorial UPCUSA Church.
2. Received a report and recommendations from the Christian Education Committee regarding the lodgment and representation of Women of the Church and Men of the Church organizations in Presbytery's structure, and responded to the effect of joining in support of the **MANUAL** changes being proposed by the C. E. Committee.
3. Received a report that the property purchase authorized by the Presbytery had been duly completed.
4. Received a report from the Roles and Relationships of Middle Judicatories Work Group and brings it for your response.
5. Received a communication from the Plaza Presbyterian Church requesting a feasibility study concerning possible retirement housing for low and middle income older adults in the Charlotte area, and forwarded it to the Planning Committee with the request that they respond to this matter in behalf of the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Presbytery hear the report of the Roles and Relationships of Middle Judicatories Work Group by James H. McKinnon, Jr., and adopt it as the Presbytery response to the General Assembly.

The report was adopted, as follows:

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY
TASK FORCE ON ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF MIDDLE COURTS
A STATEMENT OF ROLE PERCEPTION

In response to the directive of the 117th General Assembly to consider the roles and relationships of middle courts, the Council of Mecklenburg Presbytery appointed a widely-representative task force of ministers and lay persons to consider this matter and report back the perception of the roles of Presbytery and Synod in the churches of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

In reporting this perception, the Task Force identified the various expectations which local churches in our judicatory have of Presbytery and Synod. Those expectations are as follows:

Presbytery:

(1) To maintain the judicial and advisory relationship to the local church specified in the **Book of Church Order.**

(2) To resource the local church in its programs of education, stewardship and mission.

(3) To engage itself in regional mission appropriate to its geographical boundaries.

(4) The development, care and support of church professionals.

(5) New church development.

(6) To maintain a relationship to the General Assembly in keeping with the **Book of Church Order.**

(7) To provide a forum for the consideration of mission mandates and policy interpretation.

(8) To negotiate and prepare a budget and determine the benevolence commitments to the mission budgets of Synod and the General Assembly.

(9) To cooperate with other Presbyteries in appropriate mission and resource areas.

Synod:

(1) To maintain the judicial and advisory relationship to Presbytery specified in the **Book of Church Order.**

(2) To maintain institutional relationship and support. (colleges, children, elderly, seminary, campus ministry)

(3) To be engaged in ecumencial ministry appropriate to the region in consultation with the appropriate Presbytery or Presbyteries.

(4) To lobby for Christian concerns in social structures.

(5) To provide consultation/leadership for institutions.

(6) To negotiate and prepare a budget for the mission of Synod.

It should be noted that these expectations reflect in large measure the present relationship between the Synod of North Carolina and Mecklenburg Presbytery, with the exception of the matter of regional resourcing which our Task Force did not perceive to be an appropriate role for Synod.

Also, the General Assembly papers do not give any real guidance as to the meaning nor the procedure for "negotiation" of roles. Our Task Force did not attempt to resolve that question, but would point out in this report that it is a significant question which must someday be resolved unless middle courts continue in the same unhealthy frustration regarding appropriate roles which has characterized the recent past.

In connection with this report, the following motion was adopted by the Presbytery: That the Work Group on Roles and Relationships of Middle Judicatories study the need for annual meetings of Synod as presently constituted.

2. That the MANUAL changes regarding Women of the Church and Men of the Church be adopted, on FIRST READING:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council on Women of the Church report directly to Presbytery's Council through the president. The President of the Women of the Church to be an advisory member of Presbytery's Council.

MANUAL CHANGES

Page 17, Chapter VII, 7-1 (1)

After Commission on the Minister, insert: The President of the Women of the Church

Page 18, Chapter VII, 7-4 (2) d. and e.

add new d.

d. Review the work of the Women of the Church

Old d. to become e.

e. Review and approve, disapprove, or review.

Page 13, Chapter V, 5-1 (2) b. 1)

After (Church School, insert: Youth Work

Chapter V, 5-1 (2) b. 3)

Change section to read: "This committee is a liaison through which the Men of the Church reports to Presbytery. The President of the Men of the Church will be an advisory member of the committee. When the Men of the Church does not have a council to function, the committee will offer ways to develop responsible leaders and programs for this organization.

3. That Presbytery hear the report of the Counseling Task Force by Douglas W. Oldenburg and the following recommendation be adopted:

   That the Personnel Committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery nominate two additional persons to the Board of the Presbyterian Family Life Center, bringing Presbytery's total representation on that Board to four.

4. That Presbytery hear a report from St. Andrews Presbyterian College. (deferred until later in the meeting).

5. That Presbytery hear the report of Margaret B. Peery, who is a representative to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

6. That the following Resolution to the Huntersville Presbyterian Church be adopted:

WHEREAS, the purposes of God are sometimes accomplished through unusual means, in a blackberry briar patch the idea was born for a Presbyterian Church to be located between the Hopewell and Ramah Churches of northern Mecklenburg County, and

WHEREAS, there was organized on November 2, 1878 the Huntersville Presbyterian Church which experienced its birth during the same year the Huntersville municipality was chartered, and

WHEREAS, services of worship and study were held for the first two years in McClintock Academy, with a first sanctuary being constructed southeast of the present church structures which were erected in 1923, and

WHEREAS, God has blessed the ministry of the Word and Sacraments under ten installed pastors, one of whom had the remarkable achievement of serving this congregation for some forty seven years, which is almost one half of the church's life to date, and brought about solid membership growth, and strong partnership in the work of Mecklenburg Presbytery and the other courts of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the wider fellowship of the Church Universal, and

WHEREAS, God has particularly enriched this congregation in the nurturing of seven of her sons who have been ordained to the Gospel Ministry and an eighth who is presently completing studies at Columbia Theological Seminary;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Mecklenburg Presbytery meeting November 14, 1978, at Huntersville Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, North Carolina, joins in giving thanks to Almighty God and in celebrating the first century of service by Huntersville Presbyterian Church, and declares to the members, officers and pastor our connectional obligations, our joy of fellowship and our prayers of anticipation as you embark upon your second century of service to God and man in your community and throughout the world.

7. That Presbytery authorize the Court Meetings Committee and the General Presbyter to re-schedule the May 1979 Stated Meeting of Presbytery earlier in May or early in June, dependent upon the date of the Synod Meeting.

The report of the Council, as a whole, was adopted.

Fred R. McAlister, Jr. was elected Moderator-in-Nomination, by acclamation.

The Presbytery then stood in recess at 10:20 A. M.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 A. M., and the following items of new business were referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. Proposal concerning regular reports to the Presbytery by the Haiti Development Commission.
2. Resolution concerning prisoners T. J. Reddy, James Grant, and Charles Parker.

The report of the Committee on Specialized Ministry was presented by Margaret Bigger. Mrs. Bigger presented George Chauncey of the Washington Office of the General Assembly Mission Board who spoke to Presbytery on the 117th General Assembly's "Appeal to the President and the Congress for a Morally Responsible U. S. Food Policy" and the Presbyterian IMPACT Food Policy Campaign.

Following Mr. Chauncey's report, a motion was presented that Presbytery endorse the food policy campaign. During the debate on this motion and proposed amendments the time for a special order in the docket arrived, and the following motion was offered and adopted:

> That Presbytery reconsider the docket schedule of the special order for the Interpretation Committee and reschedule it for 2:00 P. M., and
>
> That Presbytery continue the consideration of the report on IMPACT.

After further debate on the food policy campaign, the following motion, as amended, was adopted:

> That Mecklenburg Presbytery endorse the Presbyterian Food Policy Campaign and commend it to our churches and members;
>
> That while this endorsement carries a basic endorsement of the 1977 General Assembly's "Appeal for a Morally Responsible U. S. Food Policy," it does not commit us to support every detail of it; and
>
> That the Committee on Specialized Ministry designate an IMPACT Food Policy Campaign contact person in Mecklenburg Presbytery and that this person be given a brief time on Presbytery's docket during the duration of the campaign.

The report from St. Andrews College, deferred at the time of the Council's Report, was presented by J. Randolph Taylor.

The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by Lawrence I. Stell, and was adopted, as follows:

SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Class of 1980 (Robert Garment removed), J. Arthur Beard
Class of 1981 (Perry Brown resigned), Mrs. Ira Schmidt (Selwyn Avenue)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Class of 1979, Charles Kirby (Continuing)
Class of 1980, Lawrence Calhoun (Covenant)
Class of 1981, Robert James (Continuing)
Class of 1981, Richard Felkner, M. D., (Trinity)

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr , Chairman of the Court Meetings

Committee, reported for that Committee, and the report was received as information.

Robert O. Freeman, Chairman of the Worship Committee, reported for that Committee, and the report was received as information.

The report of the Evaluation and Review Committee was presented by Robert W. Rayburn and was adopted, as amended, as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 1977 Sessional Records of the following churches be approved:

Albemarle
Albemarle Road
Amay James
Avondale
Badin
Banks
W. H. Belk
Benton Heights
Bethlehem
Caldwell Memorial
Calvary
Camden-Morven
Carmel
Central Steele Creek
Charlotte First
Christ
Cook's Memorial
Covenant
Davidson College
East
First Union
Forest Hill
Hawley Memorial
Hickory Grove
Hopewell
Huntersville
Indian Trail
Johnston Memorial
Locust
Mallard Creek
Marshville-New Salem
Matthews
McQuay
Memorial
Monroe First
Mulberry
Myers Park
Norwood
Oakboro
Paw Creek
Philadelphia
Plaza
Pleasant Hill
Providence
Quail Hollow
Ridgecrest
St. Andrews
St. Giles
St. John
Sardis
Seigle Avenue
Selwyn Avenue
Sharon
Siler
Smallwood
South Tryon
Steele Creek
Stephenson
Sugaw Creek
Charlotte Third
Thomasboro
Trinity
Turner
Wadesboro
Walkersville
Waxhaw
Westminster
Westover Hills
Williams Memorial

2. That the following churches please present their 1977 Sessional records between now and December 15, 1978:

Altan-Bethany
Amity
Bethel-Cornelius
Beulah-Lee Park
Clanton Memorial
Indian Hill
McGee
Newell
Pageland-Salem
Ramah
Rehobeth
Robinson
Unionville

3. That the attention of the Minister and Clerk of each Session be called to the use of the new guidelines now followed, and that a copy to be provided, be placed in the back of the permanent record for reference.

4. That the Manual be amended to the effect that the Evaluation and Review Committee report annually at the May meeting and change the Manual to require churches to present their sessional minutes no later than the February meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then took recess for lunch at 12:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P. M., Presbytery reconvened for worship. Charles L. Kirby, Jr., preached the sermon, and the organist and members of the choir of Huntersville Church provided special music.

As a special order, the Interpretation Committee presented a report on the Mission Consultation (Montreat, February, 1978) and the action of the 118th General Assembly concerning the report of that Consultation. William A. Dysard, Jr., Chairman of the Committee, presented the Committee's report, and several aspects of the report and the Assembly's action were presented by Douglas W. Oldenburg, Neil M. McMillan and Alexander J. McKelway. A proposed study process was presented by Mr. Dysard, and the following motion was adopted by Presbytery:

> That Presbytery be called to meet Tuesday, January 9, 1979, at 2:00 P. M. at a place to be determined by the General Presbyter for the purposes of (1) responding to the report of the 1978 Mission Consultation and (2) voting upon the proposed amendments to the Constitution approved by the 118th General Assembly.

The following motion was then offered and adopted by Presbytery:

> That Presbytery's Resourcing Department make the presentation of the Mission Consultation report to the Presbytery Meeting on November 14, 1978, available in cassette form for churches wishing to use it.

The Presbytery then stood in recess at 3:00 P. M.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:20 P. M.

The report of the Task Force on New Church Development was presented by Ran Norton, and the report was received as information.

Roy W. Coker, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister, presented the report of the Commission, as follows:

The Commission on The Minister met on October 3, October 6, and October 17, 1978. The following action is reported for your **information:**

1. Received the request from the Commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Reverend Donald K. Welsh at Trinity, that we investigate the dissatisfaction with reference to Mr. Welsh that has arisen in the Session. The Commission has met with the parties concerned and we are attempting to deal with the matter. As of this date, Mr. Welsh is on temporary leave, with full benefits.

2. Upon the request of the Reverend Robert W. Rayburn and with concurrence of the congregation, dissolved the pastoral relationship existing between Mr. Rayburn and the Christ Presbyterian Church, effective December 31, 1978.

3. Received the annual report of the Reverend Leighton Ford, giving details of his work with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

4. Upon the request of the Reverend Roger Melton, and with the concurrence of the Altan and Bethany Congregations, dissolved the Pastoral relationship existing between Mr. Melton and the Churches, effective October 31, 1978; and authorized the Stated Clerk to send

a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of the Pines, that he may accept a call to Barr Memorial Parish, Norman, Arkansas.

5. Authorized the Stated Clerk to send a Certificate of Dismission on the Reverend Donald Stroud, upon his request, to the Presbytery of Palisades, UPCUSA.

6. Granted Joe P. Arnold a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of Boise, Idaho, UPCUSA, upon his request.

The Commission makes the following **recommendations:**

1. That the Reverend Robert W. Rayburn be designated honorably retired, effective December 31, 1978.

2. That the Reverend Leighton Ford be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, for one year, effective January 1, 1979.

3. That the Reverend C. Franklin Jacks be appointed as interim supply and Moderator pro tem for Stephenson Church, October 1-December 31, 1978.

4. That the paper "Guidelines for Mecklenburg Presbytery Regarding Ordination and Continuance of Ordination to The Ministry of Word and Sacraments" be approved as a position paper to give guidance to the Presbytery as we discharge the responsibilities under BCO 16-7 (16): 21-2 (1).

5. That the Reverend Robert O. Freeman be appointed interim supply and moderator Pro Tem of Cook's Memorial Church for the period November 1, 1978-January 31, 1979.

6. That the call from the Steele Creek Church to the Reverend Robert E. Cogswell, to become the Associate Pastor be found in order and placed in his hands after he has been examined, received, and enrolled in Presbytery. Terms of the call are as follows:

Salary	$13,000.00
20% of this salary figure is designated for Utilities, furnishings, and appurtenance.	
Group Life and Major Medical Insurance on Minister and family	
12% dues to MAF	
Automobile Allowance	2,500.00
Continuing Education	300.00
4 weeks vacation	
2 weeks annual study leave	
Moving expenses to the field	
Housing Allowance	4,650.00

Mr. Coker offered the motion, and Presbytery adopted it, that George Sawyer, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Session of Trinity Church, be granted the privilege of the floor.

Glenn B. Robinson, for the Commission on the Minister, spoke concerning Donald K. Welsh and Trinity Church. Mr. Robinson's remarks were as follows:

Ordinarily a motion like the one before us now is voted on by the Commission and reported to Presbytery without discussion; however, this one is somewhat irregular—it is without precedent since the relationship is being dissolved prior to installation and after the associate pastor-elect has been received by Presbytery. This accounts for the carefully worded motion before you at this time and that it is before Presbytery for action rather than being reported as action taken by the Commission.

In addition I speak to you about the motion:

(1) To hopefully clarify any misunderstandings you may have pertaining to this motion.

(2) To ask you to remember that this motion has a very definite and limited action and that is the relationship of the associate pastor-elect to Trinity Church and does not extend itself to any other matter pertaining to Trinity session, Senior Pastor, or Presbytery.

(3) To let you know that this associate pastor-elect and church relationship seems to be incompatible.

(4) To let you know that the officers and senior minister of Trinity are taking their commitment vows seriously and could not in good faith continue with the installation and therefore, admit error and choose to face the unfortunate consequences of all parties rather than continue with the installation.

The Executive Committee composed of the chairpersons of all sessional committees for Trinity sought the assistance of our General Presbyter followed by requests from the Trinity session to delay installation. Then the session of Trinity requested a meeting with the Commission. In attendance at this meeting representing Trinity was the Executive Commission—a long and informative session was held. The commission gave careful review and later the full commission met with the full session of Trinity. The Chairperson of the Commission appointed the sub-committee, namely Mr. James Nisbet, Dr. Carswell Hughs and myself, and the Trinity Church appointed its Executive Committee to work with our sub-committee in this delicate situation.

The Senior Minister and Executive Committee met with our sub-committee for several work sessions. These sessions proved to be painful for all. I assure you the officers of Trinity have taken this work seriously and with dedication—all of us have grown. Everyone wanted to be honest, fair and supportive. Members of the Executive Committee are here today signifying their involvement with us and wanting our patience, acceptance and understanding.

The sub-committee of the Commission has met with Mr. and Mrs. Welsh on several occasions and they have been most cooperative and understanding during these difficult days. They concur that the actions taken thus far are in the best interest of all parties. They have been made aware of our support both at Presbytery level and at Trinity. The session of Trinity wants to be supportive of the Welshs. Our General Presbyter has been supportive and will continue to provide pastoral care.

I want to read a letter prepared by all parties—The Executive Committee of Trinity (of which the Senior Minister is a member), the Associate Pastor-elect, and our Commission—this letter has been signed by all parties and mailed to the Trinity membership.

November 6, 1978

Dear Trinity Family,

On September 27 at a called meeting, your Session faced a painful choice: either,

(1) to continue the Call to the Reverend Donald K. Welsh to

be installed as Trinity's Associate Pastor in the face of a compelling awareness that the conditions for the consummation of such a relationship were not present; or

(2) to request Presbytery's Commission for Installation to delay the consummation of the Call so that the Session might consult with Presbytery's Commission on the Minister for guidance in view of the Session's pronounced misgivings regarding the forthcoming installation.

The Session decided in favor of the second alternative because the majority of the Session was convinced that the Associate Pastor-Elect and the sessional committees in the areas he had been called to serve were unable to communicate effectively and to function properly. Despite earnest efforts, the sessional committees and the Associate Pastor-Elect were unable to establish compatible working relationships.

The Session notified Mr. Welsh and Presbytery's Commission on the Minister of the situation, expressed its deep regret that these circumstances had arisen, and assured Mr. Welsh and the Commission that his moral character, dedication, and diligence were not being called into question. The request to delay the installation was granted, and a Sessional Committee was appointed to confer with Presbytery's Commission on the Minister. It was obvious from the nature of the problem that extensive deliberations were necessary before a final resolution could be reached. In the interim, with the concurrence of the Commission and the Associate Pastor-Elect, Mr. Welsh was granted a temporary leave of absence and his full pastoral benefits were continued.

The Sessional Committee and the Commission have spent time and effort searching for the best way to resolve this difficult matter. It is their considered opinion that the congregation of Trinity ought to be given the opportunity to withdraw its Call to the Reverend Donald K. Welsh as Associate Pastor. If the Call is withdrawn by the congregation, the Commission will continue dialogue with the Session of Trinity as either of the parties may request. We are grateful to Presbytery's Commission on the Minister which throughout these discussions has been keenly sensitive to the plight of both the Associate Pastor-Elect and Trinity; and the Session wishes to assure the Commission that Trinity will continue to support the work of Presbytery.

The action taken by both the Session and the Presbytery in this matter has been with equal concern for the welfare of the Reverend Welsh, the unity and peace of this congregation, and the Presbyterian form of church government. Your prayers and support are earnestly needed.

Joseph R. Cole,
Clerk of Session,
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Glenn B. Robinson,
For the Commission
on the Minister

Donald K. Welsh,
Associate Pastor-Elect of Trinity
Presbyterian Church

Members of Presbytery—The commission, Dr. Patrick, and Trinity Officers are very aware of many of your concerns at this time. All of us seek your patience right now. Let us continue to work together. Remember the words in the letter to the congregation "incompatibility, implying no one completely at fault or completely without fault" and second "The Commission will continue dialogue with the session of Trinity as either of the parties may request." We want to support Mr. Welsh, Dr. Patrick, Trinity and I believe these will be supportive of us.

At this time we have a good working relationship with Dr. Patrick, Trinity officers, and the Commission. Our General Presbyter has served us well in all of our meetings as a consultant and advisor. Each party has already looked to our General Presbyter for guidance and I believe will continue. For all the members of our Commission, Trinity Church, and Mr. Welsh we ask you to join with us in letting this be a positive experience.

We make the following **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Upon recommendation of the Session of Trinity Church and the Commission on the Minister and with the concurrence of Mr. Welsh, the congregation of Trinity Church has voted to ask Presbytery not to pursue the installation of the Reverend Donald K. Welsh and that the call to him to be the Associate Pastor be withdrawn.

The Commission recommends that Presbytery concur in the above request; and we further recommend that Presbytery approve the payment by Trinity Church to Mr. Welsh the full terms of his call through May 31, 1979, unless he accepts full-time employment prior to May 31, 1979.

Charles L. Kirby, Chairman of the Commission to Install Donald K. Welsh as Associate Minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church, presented the following report, which was adopted by Presbytery:

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REVEREND DONALD K. WELSH, ASSOCIATE MINISTER, TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Your Commission was called to meet September 28, 1978 at 4:00 P. M. in the Presbytery Center with representatives from the Session of Trinity, the Senior Minister and the General Presbyter. The Session requested that a delay of the installation of Donald Welsh be granted until such time as a committee from Trinity had a chance to discuss the sentiments of the session with Mr. Welsh and Presbytery's Commission on the Minister.

The Commission considered the request and the alternatives available to it and the statements of the representatives of the Session of Trinity. After due discussion and deliberation the Commission moved, seconded and passed:

> "That the Commission accede with the request of the session of Trinity to delay the installation of Donald K. Welsh until such time as the Committee from Trinity and Don Welsh can meet with the Commission on the Minister to consider ways of resolving this impasse, and subsequently, that the chairman of the Commission on the Minister meet with the Commission to Install prior to the Meeting of Presbytery in November."

A second motion was made, seconded and passed:

> "In view of the unfortunate and unhappy circumstances, this

Commission inform the Commission on the Minister of this situation and request them to investigate the case and assume the pastoral care of Donald K. Welsh on behalf of the Presbytery."

Since these matters are now in the hands of the Commission on the Minister, and since an admissible resolution has been worked out between Mr. Welsh, the church, and the Presbytery, I move that the Commission to Install Mr. Welsh as Associate Minister at Trinity, being unable to fulfill its assignment, be relieved of its responsibility and dismissed, and that a copy of its minutes be admitted to record.

Charles L. Kirby, Chairman

The recommendations of the Commission on the Minister concerning Horace E. Stoessel were adopted as follows:

The Presbytery at its Stated Meeting on September 26, 1978 in session at the Bethel Presbyterian Church took the following action:

"Horace E. Stoessel, a Minister of The Word and Sacrament, and a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery, has requested that he be divested of office without censure, being satisfied in his own conscience that God has not called him to this office. In accordance with the BCO 112-1, notice is given that at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery, November 14, 1978, the Presbytery will deliberate upon his request and if the way be clear will divest Horace E. Stoessel of office without censure."

The pertinent paragraphs from the **Book of Church Order** are as follows:

16-7 (13) The Presbytery has power to ordain, receive, dismiss, install, remove, and judge Ministers.

112-1 A Church officer against whom there are no charges, if fully satisfied in his or her own conscience that God has not called him or her to the office, or if the officer has satisfactory evidence of inability to serve the Church with acceptance, may report these facts at a stated meeting of the court having jurisdiction over the officer. At the next stated meeting, if, after full deliberation, the court concurs with the officer in judgment, it may divest him or her of office without censure.

107-11 When a Presbytery divests a Minister of office without censure . . . it shall assign him or her to membership in some particular church, subject to the approval of the Session of that church.

On October 5, 1978 a letter was sent to Mr. Stoessel by Certified Mail, and was received by him on October 10, 1978, the letter informed Mr. Stoessel of the action taken by Presbytery on September 26, 1978, and that at the meeting on November 14, 1978, the Presbytery would consider his request and act on his request.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Horace E. Stoessel, at his own request, be divested of the office of Minister of The Word and Sacrament without censure effective this date.
2. That since Horace E. Stoessel has by statement renounced the Communion of this Church; therefore, we recommend that at his own request and under the provisions of BCO 111-2 and 3 that his name be erased from membership in this denomination.

The paper entitled "Guidelines for Mecklenburg Presbytery regarding Ordination and Continuance of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments" was approved, as amended, as a position paper, as follows:

PREFACE:

Most of the following material is taken from the report of the Council on Theology and Culture to the 1978 General Assembly. The additions of the Commission on the Minister of Mecklenburg Presbytery are designated by an asterisk.

These "Guidelines" are to be viewed in their entirety, when ordination or continued ordination is considered.

These guidelines are designed for the use of Presbytery in the following circumstances:

(a) When a candidate seeks to be ordained for work other than that obviously appropriate for a Minister of the Word.

(b) When a Minister of the Word seeks permission to enter some work other than that obviously commensurate with his or her ordination.

(c) When a Minister of the Word of another denomination or holding membership in another Presbytery who is laboring at some work other than which is obviously appropriate seeks to be received into membership in the Presbytery.

(d) When the Commission on the Minister reviews the work of all the Presbytery's ministers to determine if all are devoting themselves to their sacred calling.

(For the sake of brevity, the proposed or questioned work will be referred to simply as "the new work".)

1. The Minister must demonstrate that the desire to enter the new work is a positive expression of firm personal faith and not a means to escape the responsibility of regularly articulating a faith no longer firmly believed.

2. The Minister must be willing to have the nature of the new work placed under an annual or periodic review by the Presbytery through its Commission on the Minister.

3. The Minister must accept responsibility for part-time service in the worship and work of the courts and the congregational life of the Church.

*4. The Minister must ordinarily be an active participant in a worshipping congregation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

*5. The minister must ordinarily be an active participant in the work of the Presbytery of which he/she is a member.

6. The Minister must continue to be ready, willing and able to obey the vows of ordination and the employing agency must be willing to permit obedience to these vows.

7. In the judgment of the Presbytery, the new work must be consistent with the mission of the church.

8. The Minister must be able to affirm that he or she is seeking the new work out of a motivation to interpret and communicate the Word of God in some form that can be understood and

affirmed by the Presbytery and the new work should require such communication of the Word.

9. The Presbytery must be convinced that good and sufficient reasons exist at the given time for the work being done by a Minister of the Word instead of some other qualified person.

*10. The Presbytery must be convinced that the Minister is qualified to undertake the new work.

11. Continued competence for the Ministry of the Word should be listed or generally understood as at least one of the requirements for the satisfactory performance of the new work.

12. There must be an identifiable body of persons in a position to evaluate the Minister's effectiveness as a Minister of the Word in the new work.

*13. The Minister must ordinarily be working in an institution, agency, etc. related to or affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

*14. The Minister must ordinarily be installed or commissioned in the new work by the Presbytery.

*15. These guidelines shall ordinarily apply to persons leaving the traditional form of ministry only after a period of one year.

*16. These guidelines shall not apply to the present members of Mecklenburg Presbytery for a period of two years from the time of their adoption.

*17. The guidelines shall be used by Presbytery for two years and discontinued at that time unless reaffirmed by a vote by Presbytery.

The report of the Commission on the Minister was adopted as a whole.

T. W. Tucker, for the sub-committee on Minister Transfers, offered the motion that Robert E. Cogswell be admitted to examination for reception into Presbytery. The motion was approved.

Mr. Cogswell made a personal statement concerning his Christian experience. He then responded to questions concerning his views, with opportunity for questions from the floor. The Presbytery voted to sustain the examination as satisfactory and to receive Mr. Cogswell as a member of Mecklenburg Presbytery, pending receipt of the Certificate of Dismission from Middle Tennessee Presbytery. See the report of the Commission on the Minister for the terms of the call.

The report of the International Missions Committee was presented by the chairman, George H. V. Hunter, as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this committee be enlarged to twelve members of three classes in the immediate future and that the **MANUAL** be so amended.

2. That every church be called to constant prayer for the

cause of International Missions and for our missionaries by name.

3. That every church participate in the 1979 Witness Season during January, February, and March, observing the theme: "Covenant Living in Times of Change", and the areas of CONTEMPORARY CHINA AND TAIWAN, our overseas mission study emphasis for 1979.

4. That churches consider using in their Missions programs: (a) A festival of Missions, (b) A School of Missions, (c) A conference of Missions.

5. That all churches be urged to climax their observance with a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for International Missions, and that they receive a Special Offering for this cause on Witness Sunday, February 18, 1979.

6. That full use of missionaries be made during their visits to Presbytery:

   January 14-18, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dinkins, Brazil
   February 6, 7, 8, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Coleman, Brazil
   March 11-18 Rev. Bill Washburn, Zaire
   March 12-15, Mr. Coleman

   For bookings Call or write:

   Rev. George H. V. Hunter,
   Box 705, Badin, N. C., 28009
   Phone 704-422-5344

7. That as many churches as possible participate in the Charlotte Missionary Conference, Saturday, January 27-Wednesday, January 31. To participate, or to book a missionary, write:

   Rev. F. M. Grissett, Jr.
   3501 Tuckaseegee Rd.,
   Charlotte, N. C., 28208

8. That we commend Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church for their participation in the "Christmas International House", December 18-January 2, and suggest that nearby churches join this program by participating in one or more of the ways suggested by Neil McMillan, minister in his letter of October 4.

9. That churches, classes, or groups consider one or more of the following: S. O. S. Projects, Support of a Missionary, Second Mile Missionary Support, recruitment of a missionary or Volunteer in Mission.

10. That every church promote and receive the Easter Offering, our "One Great Hour of Sharing" for the relief of World Hunger, Sunday, April 15, 1979.

11. That every church be represented at the Called Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery January 9, 1979, to hear and to discuss the report of the Missions Convocation at Montreat last winter.

12. That every church encourage and send its members, its youth, and its local mission leader to the Global Mission Conference at Montreat, July 28-August 3, 1979.

    Note: Scholarship funds are available to send youth to this conference. $500.00 has been earmarked to aid youth from aid-receiving churches, and $500.00 has been set aside to go toward 50% scholarships for youth from other churches.

13. That local churches participate in the Missionary Correspondence Program individually or as a church, receiving letters from missionaries around the world. Write:

    Missionary Correspondence Program
    Room 203,
    341 Ponce de Leon Ave.,
    Atlanta, Ga. 30308

14. That the Presbytery be led in prayer for the cause of International Missions by Eugene L. Daniel Jr.

The motion to adopt the recommendations was amended, as follows:

> That recommendation No. 1 be re-committed to the International Missions Committee with the request that any desired MANUAL changes be prepared in a proper form and submitted to Presbytery for its consideration.

Following adoption of this amendment, the remainder of the recommendations were adopted by Presbytery.

After several announcements, the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was presented by Charles L. Kirby, Chairman. The Committee recommended and Presbytery adopted the proposal concerning reports on the Haiti project, as follows:

> That Mecklenburg Presbytery charge the Mecklenburg Haiti Development Commission to give at each meeting of Presbytery until the completion of the pledge period for the campaign a written report on the work and accomplishments of the Fund.

Mr. Kirby reported that the Bills and Overtures Committee had no recommendation to make concerning the other resolution which had been referred to the committee. The motion was offered from the floor that the resolution be adopted, and following debate it was adopted, as amended, as follows:

WHEREAS, the most recent (118th) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States affirms that:

> "Social defense and restoration of community should be the only concepts to rule the response of society to offenders and offenses. Vengeance is counter-productive as it intensifies anti-social attitudes and further separates the human community.
>
> "Imprisonment should not be used as the principal means to achieve community protection and well-being.
> "A broad range of alternatives for restoring accused and convicted persons to community should be used at all levels. Severe threat to human safety and community should be the sole factor in resorting to criminal sanctions. . . .
>
> "Community institutions other than prisons should share in the care and restoration of offenders in such areas as health care, education, counseling, and religious services." (Minutes of the 118th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the United States, p. 202).

WHEREAS, T. J. Reddy, James Grant, and Charles Parker have demonstrated their ability to live non-violently and to make constructive contributions to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community and to the State of North Carolina,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mecklenburg Presbytery opposes further incarceration for these men as being counter-productive for them as individuals and for the building of a strong and inclusive community,

THAT Mecklenburg Presbytery, through its General Presbyter, convey to Governor James Hunt our hope for immediate commutation of the sentences of T. J. Reddy, James Grant, and Charles Parker to time already served. We are "prisoners of hope." (Zechariah 9:12)

The report of the Standing Committee on Attendance was presented by W. L. Kline, Jr. The report is incorporated in the Enrollment.

C. Franklin Jacks, Jr. presented the report of the Standing Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted:

At this 28th Stated Meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery, we express our appreciation to the minister, officers and congregation of Huntersville Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality given us today. We further congratulate them on their one hundred years of service in this community and pray God's continued blessing upon them in their future years. We also commend our moderator, Richard P. Shaw, for his leadership in the conduct of the court's business. Finally, we recognize, with gratitude to God for his service, Robert W. Rayburn at his coming retirement and express our appreciation for his years of service to this court.

The Commission to install Robert E. Cogswell as Associate Pastor in Steele Creek Presbyterian Church was appointed, as follows:

COMMISSION APPOINTED BY MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY TO INSTALL ROBERT E. COGSWELL AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1979 AT 11:00 A. M.

MINISTERS:

Lewis W. Bledsoe, Chairman, To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions
Leighton McKeithen, Jr., To preach the Sermon
William B. Ward
Robert W. Rayburn

RULING ELDERS:

Ernest B. Hunter, Jr. (Covenant)
William B. Young (Central Steele Creek)
Wilson Byrum (Mulberry)
Sara Locke Blythe (Trinity)
Mack P. Brown (Steele Creek)

The motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk and the Recording Clerk be authorized to prepare and edit the Minutes of this meeting of Presbytery with the approval of Presbytery's Council.

A motion to adjourn was adopted. The members of Presbytery stood and were led in prayer by the Moderator. Mr.

Shaw then pronounced the benediction, and the Court stood adjourned to meet in special session at 2:00 P. M. on January 9, 1979, at Amity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. The next stated meeting of Presbytery will be held February 27, 1979, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

Robert J. James
Stated Clerk

Earle D. Roberts
Recording Clerk

Annette Bullard
Assistant Clerk

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YEAR	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR
Jan. 1963	Myers Park	Rev. Harry H. Bryan
April, 1963	Rockingham First	Rev. B. Hoyt Evans
July, 1963	Candor Church	Rev. D. O. McInnis
Oct., 1963	Westover Hills	Rev. A. B. Montgomery
Jan., 1964	Wilmore Church	Rev. Dwight L. Barker
April, 1964	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. E. Hilderbrandt
July, 1964	Third Church	Dr. Harvey Johnston
Oct., 1964	Mulberry Church	Rev. E. E. Newberry
Jan. 1965	Thomasboro Church	Rev. Paul H. Felker
April, 1965	Forest Hill Church	Rev. John R. McAlpine III
July, 1965	Avondale Church	G. Douglas Aitken
Oct. 1965	Caldwell Memorial Church	Rev. W. Chester Keller
Jan., 1966	St. Giles Church	Rev. R. S. Woodson
April, 1966	Huntersville Church	Rev. M. R. Williamson
July, 1966	Sardis Church	Joseph W. Grier
Oct., 1966	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. E. B. Cooper
Jan., 1967	Selwyn Avenue Church	Rev. Frank S. Jones
April, 1967	Hickory Grove Church	Rev. T. Duke Williams
July, 1967	Cook's Memorial Church	Rev. Eugene Poe
Oct., 1967	Providence Church	George Stovall
Jan., 1968	First Church, Albemarle	Rev. William A. Stewart
April, 1968	Central Steele Creek	Rev. John M. Handley
Oct., 1968	First Church, Hamlet	Randolph Norton
Jan., 1969	Albemarle Road	Rev. Eugene L. Daniel, Jr.
April, 1969	Amity Church	Rev. Fred C. Holder
Oct., 1969	Third Church and Steele Creek Church	Rev. A. Rudolph Hendricks
Feb. 1970	Plaza Church	Mrs. Ray L. Gardner
May, 1970	Third Church	Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr.
Sept., 1970	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert J. James
Nov., 1970	Philadelphia Church	Rev. David B. Jenkins
Feb., 1971	Christ Church	Rev. French B. O'Shields, Jr.
May, 1971	Rockingham First	Rev. J. Arthur Beard
Sept., 1971	Trinity Church	Rev. Edwin O. Byrd, Jr.
Nov., 1971	Sharon Church	Rev. John C. Laughlin
Feb., 1972	Williams Memorial Church	William T. Alexander
May, 1972	Queens College	Rev. M. B. Prince, Jr.
Sept., 1972	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. M. B. Prince, III
Nov., 1972	Davidson College Church	Gene A. Cathey
Feb., 1973	Paw Creek Church	Rev. Wayne R. Aughinbaugh
May, 1973	First Union Church	Rev. T. A. Little, Jr.
Sept., 1973	First Church, Monroe	Rev. Zane M. Moore
Nov., 1973	First Church, Charlotte	Rev. Leonard H. Bullock
Feb. 1974	Mulberry Church	Rev. L. W. Topping
May 1974	Mallard Creek Church	Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Jr.
Sept., 1974	Forest Hill Church	Malcolm Lester
Nov., 1974	Covenant Church	Rev. Charles C. Cowsert
Feb. 1975	St. Giles Church	Charles Hunter
May 1975	Central Steele Creek	Rev. James E. Ratchford
Sept. 1975	Johnston Memorial Church	Rev. Roy W. Coker
Nov. 1975	Alexander Children's Center	Rev. Kenneth P. Craig
Feb. 1976	Sardis Church	Rev. Glenn B. Robinson
May 1976	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Eldon D. Wadsworth
Sept. 1976	Quail Hollow Church	Price H. Gwynn, III
Nov. 1976	Philadelphia Church	Rev. Edward C. Wilson
Feb. 1977	Selwyn Avenue Church	Austin C. Thies
May 1977	Albemarle Road Church	Rev. C. Franklin Jacks, Jr.
Sept. 1977	Thomasboro Church	Rev. T. W. Tucker
Nov. 1977	Sugaw Creek Church	Rev. Robert S. Maclin, III
Feb. 1978	Carmel Church	R. A. Bigger, Jr.
May 1978	First Church, Albemarle	Billy G. McCall
Sept. 1978	Bethel Church	Rev. Charles L. Kirby
Nov. 1978	Huntersville Church	Rev. Richard P. Shaw